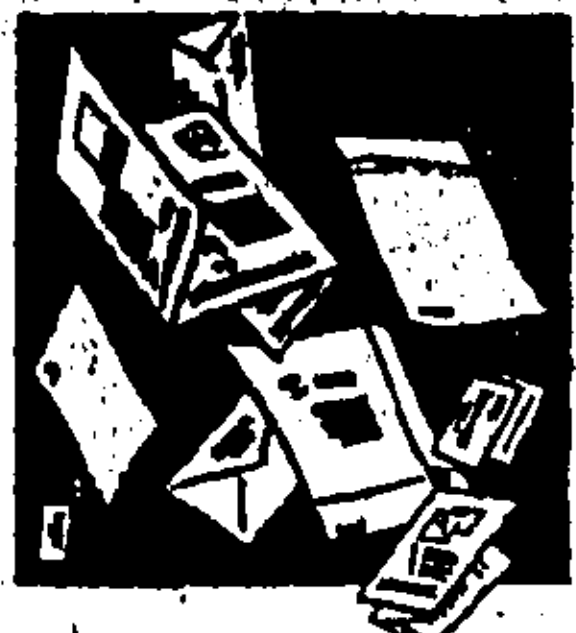




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MYSTERIOUS CARGO ON WRECKED SOVIET FREIGHTER OFF PRATAS

TEXTILE DEBATE

LANCASHIRE DISSATISFIED WITH PARLEYS

Government Avoiding The Issue.

MOST FAVOURED NATION CLAUSE DISCUSSED

London, To-day.

During the motion for adjournment in the House of Commons, yesterday, the Conservative member for Gorton, Manchester, Mr. E. A. G. Bailey, voicing the Lancashire dissatisfaction at the result of the Anglo-Japanese textile negotiations, thought that the Government was anxious to avoid facing the issue, and urged the abolition of the most favoured nation clause, and that the whole Empire should be asked to do likewise.

Sir Nairne Stewart Sandeman, another Lancashire Conservative member, agreed with Mr. Bailey, but urged patience, and certainly not the abolition of the most favoured nation clause.

Mr. Austin Hopkinson, the independent member for Mossley, Lancashire, told the members who raised the matter that the Lancashire cotton industry regarded them as an unmitigated nuisance. The negotiations, he said, depended on maintaining a courteous attitude towards Japan.

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AMERICAN ATTITUDE ON MANCHUKUO

London Diplomats Most Surprised.

TRADE BAN SHOULD BE RESCINDED

London, To-day.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that London Diplomatic circles are most surprised at the disclosure of the Japanese-American correspondence, regarding Manchukuo, and recalls America's earlier insistence that none of the Powers should recognise Manchukuo.

If Washington is prepared to overthrow the Stimson doctrine of non-recognition in return for a guarantee of an open door and economic concessions for American trade, the League of Nations Committee should be informed thereof immediately, so that the existing ban on the normal intercourse of League States with Manchukuo could be rescinded, and equal trade opportunities with America afforded them, the newspaper declares. — Reuter.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO VISIT JAPAN.

Short Holiday Next Month.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., accompanied by Lady Peel, will leave for a short holiday to Japan, next month.

They will leave on the a.s. Empress of Japan, on April 4, and will return on the a.s. Empress of Canada, on April 27.

RIVER GUNBOAT IN SECTIONS

CAPTAIN REFUSES TO OPEN THE HOLDS

SALVAGE WORKERS HANDICAPPED

Mystery surrounds the stranded Soviet Government freighter, the Kuznetzlessou, which ran aground on a reef just off Pratas Island at 8 p.m. on March 11. Three attempts to drag her off have been made by the local tug, Henry Keswick, but she is so heavily laden that it has been impossible to move her.

Among other things the stranded ship's cargo comprises a river gunboat in sections, several 70 foot launches, and large quantities of machinery, but any attempt of the British salvage crew to induce Captain Dublitzky, the Russian master, to unload part of his cargo proved unavailing. The freighter's hatches are still battened down, and no-one is allowed near the holds.

JAP SPIES IN SINGAPORE

A SECRET NAVAL BASE BEING SOUGHT

Canal From Isthmus Of Kra To S. Burma.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES IN "DAILY EXPRESS"

London, To-day.

The "Daily Express" perambulating correspondent has cabled a sensational dispatch from Singapore which alleges Japanese spy activity to discover a secret naval base.

He asserts that Japan is negotiating for the construction of a canal from the Isthmus of Kra to South Burma to build her own naval base. — Reuter.

WORKING TERMS ON K.C.R.

Proposed Revision Negotiations.

With regard to the proposed revision of the working agreement in respect of the British and Chinese sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, it is learned that the Hong Kong Government has expressed its willingness to discuss the question.

The Government has, in fact, already provisionally nominated its representatives for the purpose of the negotiations.

BLUE SHIRTS IN IRISH FREE STATE

Dublin, To-day.

The Irish Free State Senate has rejected the second reading of the Bill banning the wearing of blue shirts, by 60 votes to 15. — Reuter.

HENRY KESWICK RETURNS

After three ineffectual attempts to pull the stranded Russian freighter, the Kuznetzlessou, off the reef at Pratas Island, which she struck on March 11, the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug, the Henry Keswick, arrived back in Hong Kong at 5 p.m. yesterday.

The Kuznetzlessou is a new motor vessel, having been built only five months ago at Leningrad for the Soviet Government. She is 383 feet long, and has a tonnage of between 5,000 and 6,000. The local agents are the Chinese Eastern Commercial Railway Agency.

There is a certain amount of mystery attached to the cargo of the Kuznetzlessou. She was travelling from Leningrad to Vladivostok, and her loading comprises among other things a river gunboat of 10 ft. draft in sections, several 70 ft. launches and a quantity of machinery.

CARGO CONCEALED
Her captain refused to allow any of the crew of the salvage craft near the holds, and, in spite of the fact that the salvage work would have been rendered considerably easier had he unloaded part of his cargo, he would not remove the hatchways, and so far, has kept his cargo intact.

It appears that he would rather lose his ship than disclose the full nature of his cargo.
A sister ship, the Kamari, is standing by to assist the stranded freighter, while the Dipner, a third ship of the same line, has returned to Vladivostok to collect special salvage gear.

There is a possibility that the Henry Keswick will be recalled to give further assistance to the Kuznetzlessou, as she has left her salvage gear at the scene of the wreck.

NO LIGHT ON PRATAS
The stranded vessel ran on to the rocks at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, the cause of the accident being the absence of a light from Pratas Reef. This small island, which is 180 miles from Hong Kong, is a Chinese military wireless station, and its only warning to seamen is an unwatched light. The light was out at the time of the wreck, but came on again this morning.

AUSTRALIAN SKIPPER REPORTS MYSTERIOUS JAPANESE SAMPAN

Armed Crew Threatens Approach Of White Man

Brisbane, To-day.

The mysterious operations of a Japanese sampan have been reported by the Australian steamer "Mildred," which saw the sampan occupants, near Cairns, apparently collecting Trachus shells, but the crew of over 30 were armed with rifles and revolvers, and threatened to shoot if any white man approached. — Reuter.

NO HOPE FOR SILVER LEGISLATION

Leaders Determined To Push Dies Bill.

WHITE HOUSE ATTITUDE QUIETENS BATTLE

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Washington, To-day.

Congressional silver leaders privately admit that there is little hope this session of the passing of any sweeping silver legislation, but they are determined to push the Dies Bill.

Due to the White House attitude the entire silver legislative battle has perceptibly quietened, with the silver advocates more ready to accept compromises, and willing to accept anything rather than nothing.

"All the Bills proposing a 16 to 1 ratio to gold, including Senator Wheeler's bill and the Fliesinger Bill, appear to be definitely shunted aside, with little chance of passage this session." — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

CAPITAL STOCK TAX TO BE CONTINUED.

Estimated Yield Of \$95,000,000.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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Washington, To-day.

The Senate Finance Committee has voted to continue the capital stock tax at one tenth of 1 per cent. The estimated yield of U.S.\$95,000,000 revenue includes a 5 per cent. excess profits tax effective from July 1, 1935. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. TAX BILL FAVOURED.

Cocunut And Palm Oils Affected.

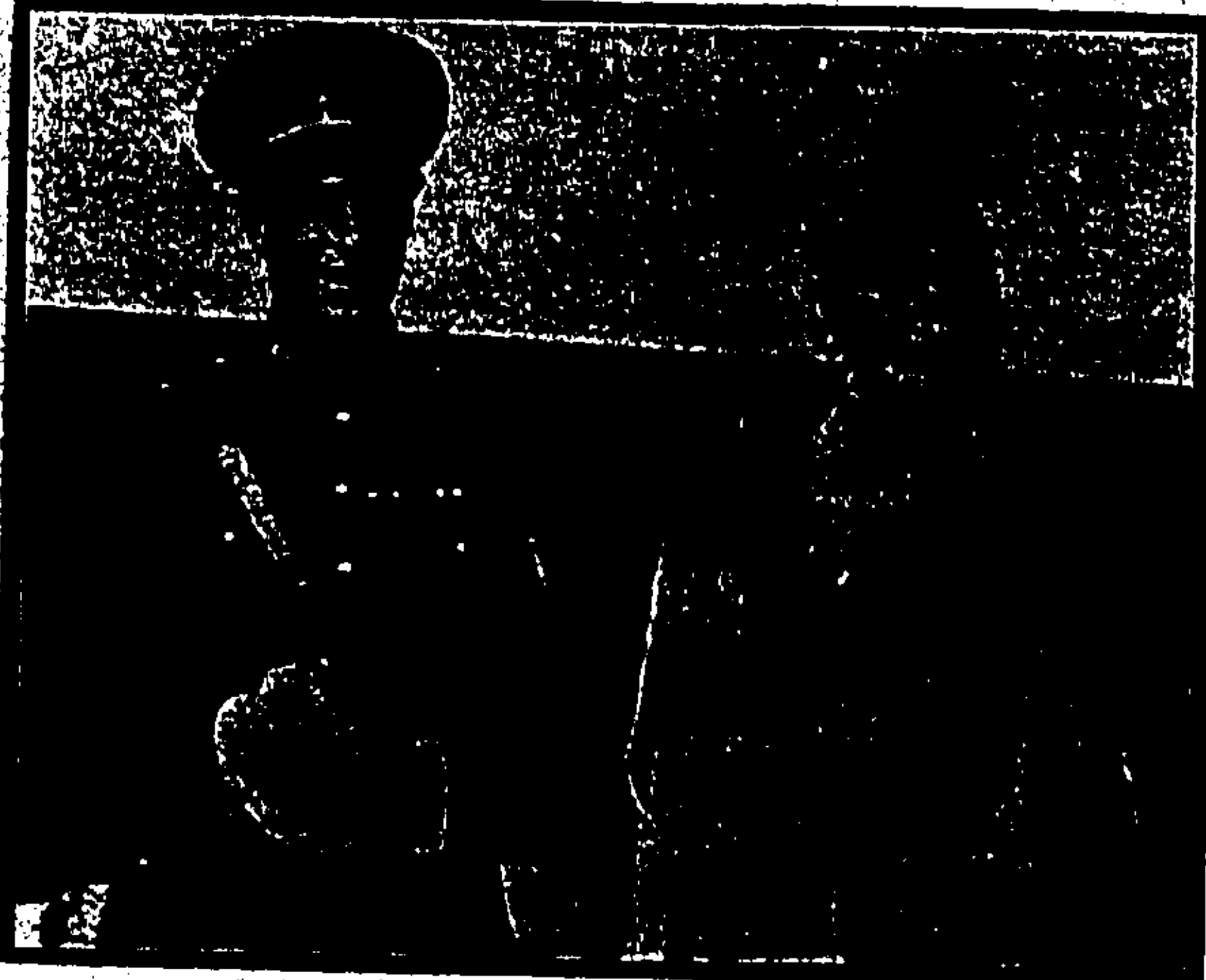
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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate Finance Committee has favourably reported the U.S.\$200,000,000 Tax Bill. They voted a three cent per pound tax on cocunut, all palm oil, Sesame and whole and fish oils. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

The proposed marriage is an account between Albert Brown, a private in the Gloucestershire Regiment, and Miss Maria Brown, daughter of Mr. J. H. Brown, of London.



The new King and Queen of the Belgians, Prince Leopold, Duke of Brabant with the Duchess of Brabant, who are now the King and Queen of the Belgians owing to the tragic death of King Albert who was killed whilst rock-climbing at Namur on February 17. — (S. & G.)

DEATH ROLL IN LOCAL GALE REACHES TEN

Wuchow River Steamer Runs Aground.

H. M. S. ROBIN DAMAGED

Eight more deaths are now reported as a result of the violent gale which swept past Hong Kong in the early hours of yesterday morning, making the total death toll now ten, while a number of fishing boat people have been rescued and brought to Hong Kong, suffering from cold and exposure.

H.M.S. Robin, the naval gunboat which was recently launched at the Talkoo Dockyards, was considerably damaged during the gale. The gunboat was lying alongside the dockyard seawall and in the sudden squall was repeatedly bumped against the wall, several plates being badly bent.

The Wuchow river steamer Tak Hing, while on the voyage from Wuchow to Hong Kong was caught in the heavy gale off Shiu Hing and went aground. The vessel, however, managed to pull herself off after some time and continued on her journey.

Among the passengers on board were Mr. William Yinson Lee, of Shanghai, and Mr. Tseng Chi-sun, Manager of the Hong Kong branch of the Bank of Kwangai.

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AMERICA STEEL PRODUCTION.

Heavier Orders From Railroads.

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New York, To-day.

Iron and steel production in America is now 48.5 per cent. with heavier orders from railroads and other sources, offsetting any recession traceable to labour difficulties.

The requested wage increase is liable to raise costs by at least 20 per cent., making further price advances inevitable. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

SILVER ADVOCATE PASSES

Mr. Frederick Jones, the Governor of Nevada, has introduced a bill in the Nevada Legislature to establish a silver mint at Reno.

THE FELLING OF THE NATHAN ROAD TREES

Sir Thomas Southern Answers Questions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

That the felling of the trees in Nathan Road recently was carried out on the instructions of the Inspector General of Police, after consultation with the Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department, on the grounds that they were an obstruction to traffic, was the reply made by Sir Thomas Southern to the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, at the Legislative Council Meeting this afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. Braga's questions and Sir Thomas Southern's replies were as follow:

Question—Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state the reasons for the recent felling of the trees in Nathan Road at Kowloon, and on whose instructions were those useful and ornamental trees destroyed?

Answer—Instructions were issued by Government that certain trees should be felled, on the recommendations of the Inspector General of Police.

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GENE TUNNEY'S APPOINTMENT.

Boxer On Shipbuilding Corporation Board.

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New York, To-day.

Gene Tunney, former undefeated heavy-weight boxing champion of the world has been elected to the Board of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

STOCK EXCHANGE SEATS SOLD.

Enormous Decrease On Previous Sale.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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New York, To-day.

Two Stock Exchange seats, known as "seats" and "seats" were sold yesterday for U.S.\$110,000 and U.S.\$100,000 respectively, as compared with the previous sale of U.S.\$120,000. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

HAKODATE DISASTER

OVER 1,000 REPORTED TO BE DEAD

70 Per Cent. Of City Demolished.

150 ARE HOMELESS

Tokyo, To-day.

The Ministry of Communications announces that over 1,000 people have been killed and 70 per cent. of the city of Hakodate destroyed by the fire which broke out last night.

More than 150 people are homeless. — Reuter.

Tokyo, Earlier.

A 70-mile per hour vernal equinox gale is spreading a conflagration at Hakodate, Hokkaido, where it is estimated that 20,000 buildings and houses are already involved, out of the 38,000 buildings composing the city, the population of which is roughly 200,000.

CHIMNEY BLOWN DOWN

The fire started at 7 o'clock at night, when the gale blew down a small chimney and set fire to a house by scattering the hot coals over a room.

The electric lights in the city went out almost immediately (the blaze started, increasing the confusion).

The telephone exchange caught fire at 10.40 p.m. The train service has been suspended because the railway station is in the fire zone.

The broadcasting station has been burned down.

Many people dived into the harbour and swam to steamers for refuge.

"A LIVING HELL"

The news of the disaster is reaching outside via wireless messages from vessels in the harbour.

The mayor of Hakodate has wireless to his superiors in Tokyo as follows:

"The city is a living hell. Refugees are fleeing through the darkness from death to safety on the vessels in the harbour."

Hakodate City is 80 per cent. destroyed, including all the important public buildings. — Reuter.
Hakodate is one of the five oldest open ports in Japan and is famous as the base of exceedingly rich fisheries in northern waters. The world-famous Nichiro Fisheries Company has its canning works in the town.

SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSIES.

Establishment At Paris And Berlin.

UNION INTEREST

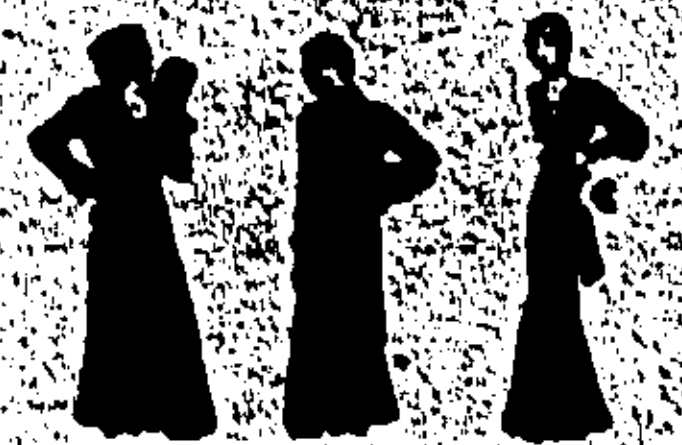
Cape Town, To-day.

General J. B. M. Hertzog yesterday told the South African Senate that the Government intend to establish Embassies at Paris and Berlin.

He added that nothing would prevent the establishment of the South African Legation in London, but that such a move would be premature.



The WOMAN'S Page



FASHION'S DECREES FOR SUMMER

Roman Stripes Make Bid For Popularity.

TAILORED COTTON COATS

There is a Victorian suggestion about many of the patterns and colourings of the cambrics for summer though the demand for tailored clothes will also ensure the success of modern and conventional designs.

Many semi-tailored coats and skirts will be in tiny checked and narrow striped cambrics, ginghams, or cotton voiles. Nothing is more useful for summer wear in country or town.

Navy and white, red and white, and green and white look very well in checks. Sometimes the ground-work is of the white, or it may be reversed. The striped patterns are so narrow as to resemble a new type of cord-cotton, but give an admirable impression of dark and light shadings. In beige, blue, or green they can look very tailored, made up with unlined short coat and closely pleated or seamed skirt. They will be worn with plain morning shirts in white or any pale tone to match.

Spots And Stripes

Very original are cotton striped like the old Roman ribbons, in a variety of blended colours that, despite their almost gaudy look, can be made into the simplest and severest of suits or ensembles. The shades are well chosen, and in most cases have a black line to give the sobering influence, which can be emphasized by choosing black accessories. The attractive part of this Italian trend is that the stripes are irregular, some wide, others merely a pin-stripe. The wavy edges and shadings all blend into a harmonious scheme that does full justice to the charming colours.

Larger designs, both in checks and stripes, compose many of the cotton frocks and bench ensembles that have gone on cruises, but summer wear in this country the neat and smaller designs will be favoured.

Cottons should be inexpensive and hardwearing, and never has there been such a range of smart, yet practical styles. Nothing could be more effective than a white spot (half the size of a threepenny bit) on a black printed background. With this all-white, or magpie, accessories will be worn. Charming, too, are similar designs in red and palest river-green, with a similar white spot.

Lavender For The Debutante

The debutante can rejoice in a variety of cotton fabrics. One appropriately known as the "Bopeep" series is of 19th-century trend. The smaller floral patterns again prevail. The colours include dainty yellows, greens, blues, and pinks, and old-world lilac. Lavender tints have trailing posies in pale contrasting shades.

Women will find a marked difference in design between cottons for semi-tailored styles, and those

On Their Way To School.

When the children are ready for school one thing more before they set forth in the chill damp morning air, give them a Respiroid each as a preventative against cough, more throat and colds. The aromatic, antiseptic vapours released as these pleasant tasting oval lozenges dissolve in the mouth provide an antidote to the germs which cause bronchitis and nasal affections.

For grown-ups too—preachers, singers, public speakers—Respiroids are invaluable, keeping the throat healthy, the voice strong, and safeguarding the whole bronchial system. They are obtainable at all medicine dealers, or post-free (\$1.50 per bottle) from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 481, Kiang Road, Shanghai.

FRESH CORP OF STOCKINGS

Peter Pan Neutral Is New Colour.

New shoes have called out a fresh crop of stockings. Many of them have lace tops, for which no extra charge is made. The lace band is meant to prevent "runs," which usually start from the top.

Other stockings with "top-interest" have elastic there to do the work of suspenders, and other tops are adjustable for long or short legs.

The new stocking colours to date are: Cuban tan, putty beige, Peter Pan neutral, shadow beige, mellow pink for evening and peach tan for all-day wear.



EVENING CAPES ARE CHIC

Due For Another Run Of Popularity.

HILFUL RENOVATION DESIGN

Women will be grateful to hear that evening capes are in for a run of popularity. Apart from other considerations, they offer a helpful means of renovating a "second best" gown.

One of these new capes is in gold lame, lined with old rose velvet and trimmed with many rows of stitching. Capes are not used merely as wraps, but form the corsets of many dresses.

They are quite circular, with a large round hole cut out slightly nearer the front than the back to slip over the head. A straight scarf is attached to this neck opening, with ends hanging loosely down the back.

A cape like this is very simple and not expensive, as it is not necessary to use a very costly lame when it is lined and stitched in the manner indicated.

The cape should reach to the waist in front, and be long enough at the back to swing clear when you are seated.

Over a black dress, this is the most effective and concealing thing imaginable, as well as being cosy for the cold weather still ahead of us.

If a very narrow strip of lame is stitched down the side seams of the dress your toilette will look thoroughly new and up-to-the-minute.

for hot summer days on lawn and river. The winter cruising habit is largely responsible for the advanced fabric vogue. Once models in cotton or other summer stuffs never appeared in the early collections. The same applies to millinery.

There will be canvas shoes and handbags this season, but newer are shining surfaces, almost like alpacas or hopsack-straw, for wear with cotton and shantung dresses and suits. There are also, delicately shaded materials in neutral light shades, which are very smart for shoes and satchels, with initials or embroidered monogram in a dark contrasting colour. Black berry looks well on beige, or deep red on white, and yellow on green.

Cotton will be interwoven both with wool and silk—sometimes the three yarns are used together to make a very attractive fabric novelty.

At The Mannequin Parade

International Buyers In Paris.

DECIDING WHAT WILL BE WORN THIS YEAR

"That coat has a new line—look at the waist!" And the speaker's pencil begins to move in a hurried scribble, while, every other journalist and buyer in her vicinity leans forward to get a better view of what may well prove to be one of the greatest successes of the season.

Only the mannequin appears unconcerned. She steps a second, turns lightly—thereby frustrating the efforts of a worried-looking buyer near her to examine the material—and strolls into the next room.

It is an evening showing. The steam heating is turned full on, and the curtains of the tall windows are drawn snugly against the bitterly cold air outside. Nevertheless, the electric fans are whirling, and nearly every woman and all the men wish, as they sip their cool champagne, that they could pluck up enough courage to ask for a little fresh air.

Another mannequin appears. She is wearing a tulle frock which surrounds her like a cloud, for this designer believes that thin, transparent net is right for the summer. The skirt has a tunic effect, and the back of it is pulled up into a bustle. Someone wonders audibly what will happen to that elaborate confection if she is unwise enough to sit down.

Underskirts Again

A third girl passes in a dark blue organdi evening gown slit up in



front over a blue underskirt, beneath which is a glimpse of pink. Her décolletage is low-cut and square, and her transparent elbow sleeves are slightly puffed in a style reminiscent of a Romney painting.

Two buyers immediately begin to argue in undertones over the merits of her dress, and someone else says dreamily: "Have you noticed that there is a faint suggestion of the 18th century about some of the collections we have seen up to now?"

More evening gowns. Here is a cloth of silver with a long slim skirt and a bodice which is a solid mass of sequins sewn like a coat of mail. This is one of the houses which shows a moderately high-neck line on its evening wraps, so we are not surprised to see one with a collar made of a solid band of gold braid.

This Silk For Wraps

Thin silk cloaks in vivid colours, with a draped or hood movement at the back, are worn with some of the evening dresses and hung back negligently over the shoulders to fall down the back. And it is noticeable that nearly all the ubiquitous three-quarter day coats are collarless, the interest being supplied by the neck-line of the frock beneath.

One of the afternoon dresses—in blue lace—suggests the unpleasant thought that the untidy, uneven hemline might return, for the centre of the skirt falls about 4 in. longer at the back.

The arrangement of a bow of bright green ribbon with long streaming ends beneath the lace at the neck in front is new. That dress will be seen in America, at any rate, for two buyers from New York near me are scoring their programmes heavily.

Yellow-green, a queer light chocolate brown, and burnt orange and tawny colours are evidently in for a run of popularity.

A silk jersey dress in a light chocolate shade, with a straight shoulder-to-shoulder neckline, passes, worn with a trim waist-length jacket of bright green wool. And the mannequin pulls back the front of the dress to form a large, never lined with green. This sort of compromise with the high neckline is seen fairly often now.

With the frock on is an alternative three-quarter coat in all orange-brown colour in light, fluffy wool jersey with collar and big buttons made of dense strands of wool.

Velvet Commands Mode of Season

Paris Designers Creating Astonishing Things.

ELABORATE BLOUSES

It is a "Velvet" season, by night and day we wear this lovely fabric, for frocks and suits and little trimming touches.

The Paris designers are creating astonishing things the well dressed Parisienne herself never wears, but which are seized on by American and English buyers for the ready-made trade.

We are not going to face the trying days of early spring looking like figures out of a Noah's Ark.

Basques may be worn—about this we shall not pad our hips to accentuate the size—as Patou is actually doing at the moment the lovely line from hip to knee will not lightly be sacrificed by even so capricious a lady as Madame la Mode. Nor for a moment could anyone believe that we shall raise shoulders to the level of our chins and attempt to revive one of the ugly fashions of the early nineties now being exploited by another celebrated designer.

Elaborate Blouse

Upholstery satin is excellent for the rather elaborate type of blouse to be worn with smart afternoon suits, and another good tip keep your eyes open for unusual and attractive buttons. The craze for buttoned effects is a growing one, so hunt through the family button-box for something old—and therefore new! Glistening over three dozen oxidized silver specimens that graced a "Polonaise" in the early seventeenth century. They are going to look marvellous on a dull blue woolen coat-frock!

Make a pretty little evening blouse of ecru Madras Maslin then outline the whole design of the material with rather thick white wool. This gives an astonishingly handsome effect to the very inexpensive material, and is most attractive.

Have you heard of the Parisian craze for obtaining lingerie effects with pink velveteen—flesh pink? You have to try it to see how effective it is with any coloured dress or suit, and, since velveteen washes like a rag, it is the most economical of fads.

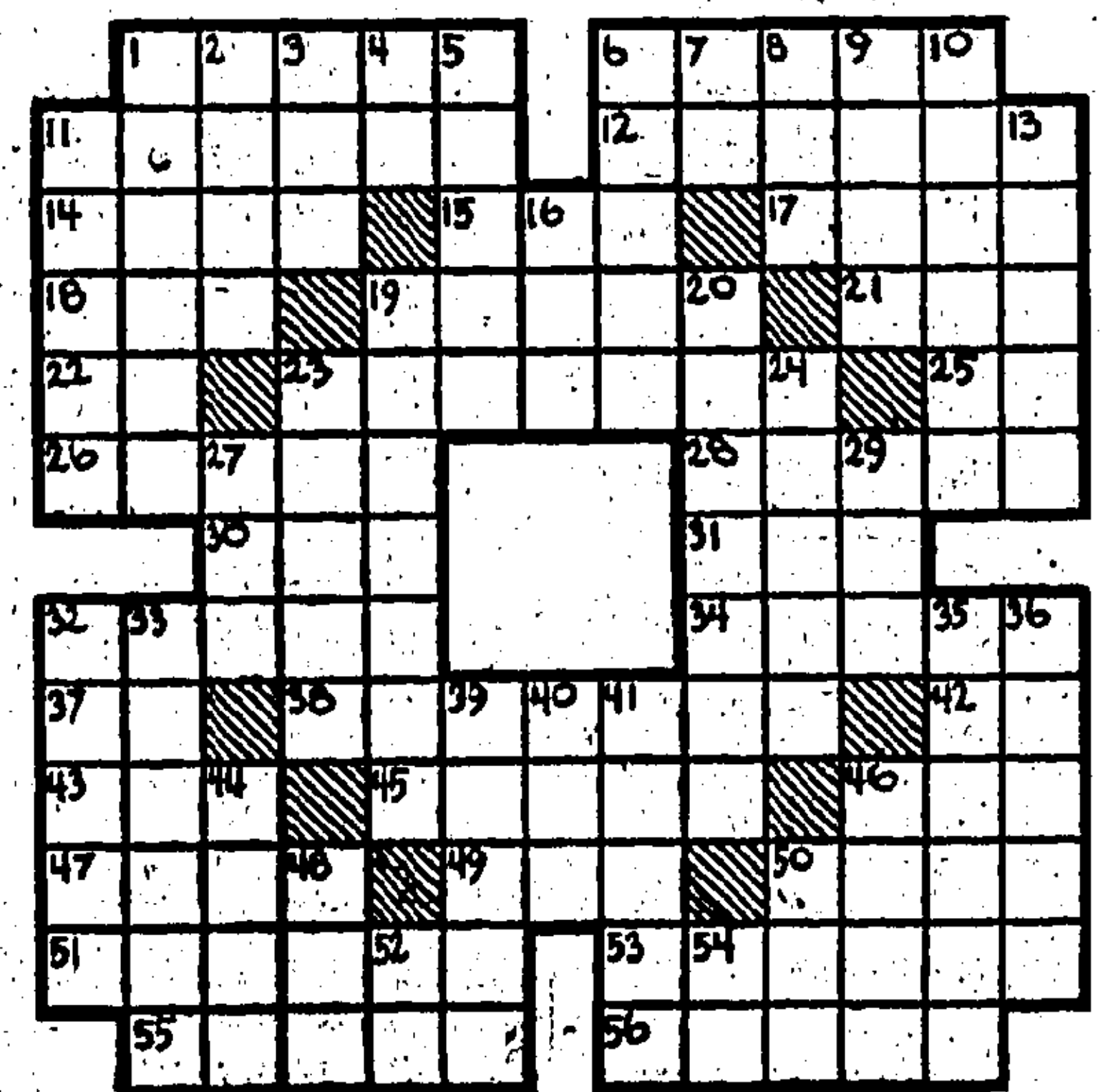


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- One who receives a gift.
 - Wolf producing animal.
 - Account.
 - Warmed.
 - Imitated.
 - A constellation.
 - Carry (Colloq.).
 - A river in Poland.
 - Extra.
 - Daze.
 - Pair (abbr.).
 - Most profound.
 - Behold.
 - Begin.
 - Shore.
 - Share.
 - Aged.
 - Pertaining to the kidneys.
 - An angle in a fort.
 - Head.
 - Carries away.
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Branch office (abbr.).
 - High playing card.
 - Ventures.
 - A nocturnal mammal.
 - A portion.
 - Lair.
 - Tardy.
 - More common.
 - Races.
 - Rub out.
 - The lateral parts.
- VERTICAL**
- Leave.
 - Alar.
 - Bow the head.
 - Comparative suffix.
 - A stockade in Russia.
 - A portion.
 - Pronoun.
 - Consumes.
 - English college.
 - Part of a flower (pl.).
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Grates.
 - Storehouse.
 - Knock.
 - Decided.
 - Companions.
 - Fear.
 - Attraction.
 - Girl's name.
 - Argument.
 - Cook in an oven.
 - Demand a repetition.
 - Spoken.
 - Remarks.
 - Father (Sp.).
 - Metal in nature.
 - State.
 - Leases.
 - Turkish official.
 - Infant.
 - Greek letter.
 - Cover.
 - Plural suffix.
 - Smallest state in U. S. (abbr.).

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

THE QUICK-CHANGE SILHOUETTES

New Lines Inspired By Chinese Costumes.

This season we shall be able to make a complete change in our silhouette for day and evening.

One of the most becoming new lines for daytime clothes is inspired by Chinese costume. A loose coat of a length which either falls to the knee or to a point between thigh and knee, helps to achieve this. With a neat little upstanding collar and a big flat "collie" hat worn straight on the head, in defiance of every existing rule at the moment—the effect is distinctly oriental.

There is a wide choice of new wraps for evening wear—little evening caplets and boleros, dolman jackets, and transparent wraps with very full gathered ruffles, or "syngae" coats in materials that rustle at every movement.

POPULAR NEW CLOTH

One of the new materials which have done well at the Paris show is a brilliant black woven crepe in pale grey woven with the black horse hairs.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

CHAR	ARISE	LOVERS
RAP	APRIL	TAP
EM	TREASON	SO
SPUR	A	TABES
SNEER	B	PICT
TAR	ALL	
BITES	STEIN	
PALE	A	REED
EN	DALLIES	GO
ANT	LATER	CAN
REED	DO	
RAVE	DO	

LACE RESTAURANT HATS.

Floral And Plaid Taffetas Seen.

Marcel Rochas introduces in her new collection, feminine lace restaurant hats which carry out the trend toward "pou-pou" style. Floral and plaid taffetas, and organza make little jacket-blouses to wear with ankle length black and navy blue skirts for formal afternoon affairs.

A short-sleeved, flaring coat in pastel blue over black is a novel note. Ruffles and pleated details are used as decorative apron boleros on boleros and skirts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 26th March, 1934, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to 26th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1934.

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THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1934, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Vainland is published:—

Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1,822
Signal Station	1,774
St. Francis	1,774
Mountain Lodge	1,774
The Kyrie	1,774
Peak Hotel	1,774
Talks Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hillside)	287
Wainland	Feet
Tai Mo Shan	1,184
Kowloon Peak	1,174

BRIDGE NOTES**KEEPING THE OBJECTIVE IN MIND**

by Ely Culbertson.

One of the important things for a Bridge player to remember in the bidding as well as the play is the objective. The existence of a part-score modifies this objective and frequently determines the final bid. Sometimes the final contract, when the partnership making it has a part-score, is one which would be illogical if no score existed. In Bridge, as in geometry, a straight line is generally the shortest distance between two points.

The hand below, which was played in a recent Rubber game at Crockford's Club, New York, is an example of that proposition. The holder of the South hand was Mrs. Mallory, former world's champion tennis player, who has in recent years given up the strenuous exercise of the tennis courts for the milder mental stimulus of the Bridge table. When the hand was dealt Mrs. Mallory and her partner had a part-score of 30, while their opponents were scoreless.

West, Dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

North:
S—A K 6 3
H—K 8 4
D—K 8
C—K 9 8 4

West:
S—Q 9 5
H—A J 10 5 2
D—Q 7
C—A 5 2

East:
S—10 7 4 2
H—7 3
D—J 9 5 4
C—Q J 7

South:
S—J 8
H—Q 9 6
D—A 10 6 3 2
C—10 6 3

Mrs. Mallory
The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South North East South
1H Dbl. (1) Pass 2D (2)
Pass 2S (3) Pass 2NT (4)
Pass Pass

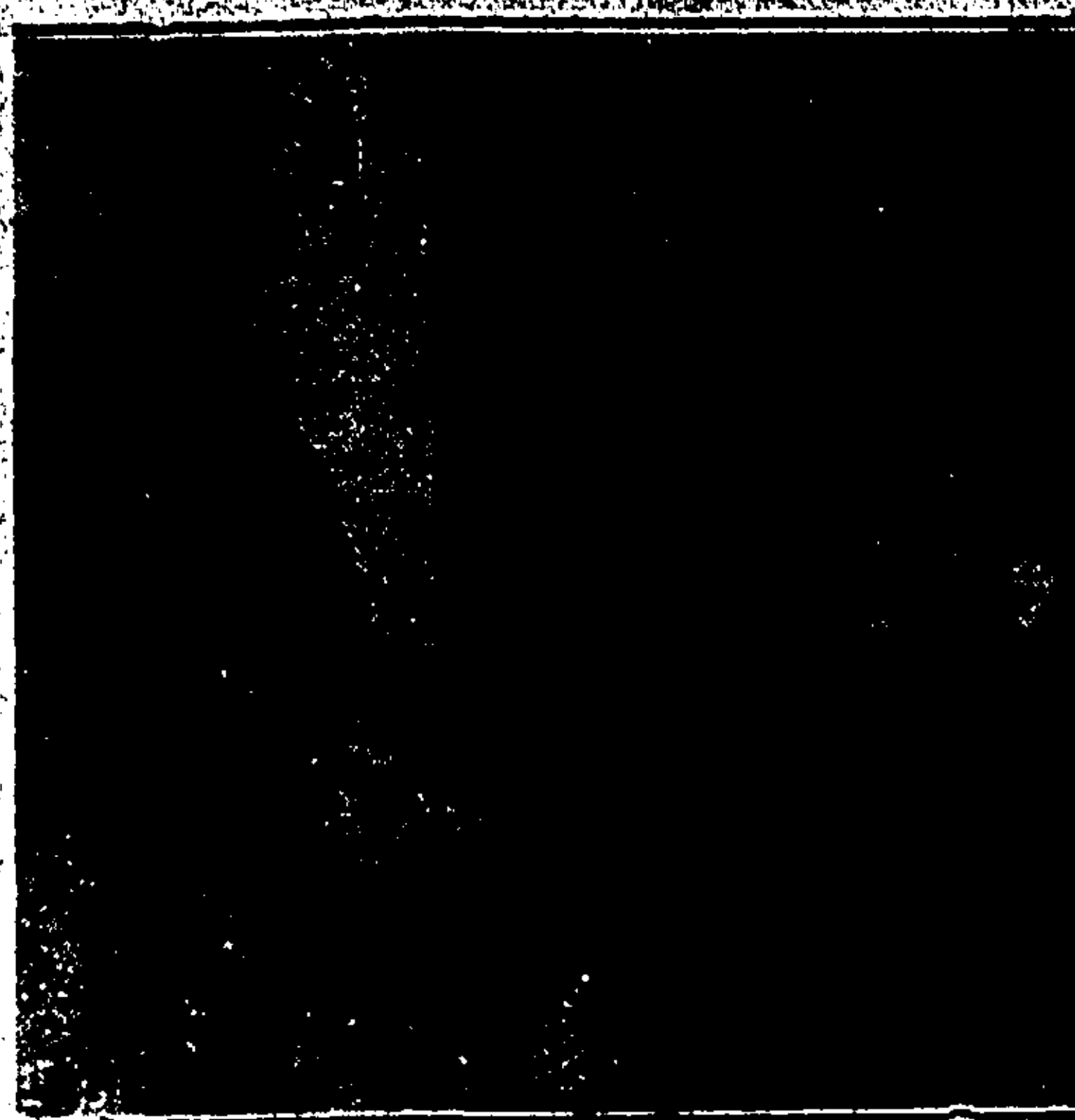
1—The hand contains 3½ honour-tricks and is well prepared for a spade response. While no suit is strong, there does not appear any prospect of a very severe penalty.

2—Mrs. Mallory anticipates a two-spade bid by her partner, and the two-diamond bid is merely a step on the way to her objective, a game contract.

3—A better bid by North would have been two notrump. Partner's hand may be a bust and in such a case North conceivably might not take more than 3 tricks at a notrump declaration.

4—While Mrs. Mallory anticipates the possible loss of four heart tricks, should this occur she hopes to find sufficient strength in other suits to permit her to fulfil her contract.

West's Opening lead was the heart Knave, which Mrs. Mallory won with the Queen. Obviously, the routine play would be to seek to establish the diamond suit with the loss of one trick. This might be accomplished, but the accomplishment of it would avail nothing as the South hand would then be void of entries saving the possibility of a low-spade lead from the Ace-King in Dummy, and this course would mean the loss of entirely too many tricks. Considering the question of entries and re-entries, Mrs. Mallory decided that the club Ace was plainly marked in the West hand. If she could find an even break in the club suit, then her contract was apparently safe, as she would be able to make two clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and two spades. This line of play was followed. After the first trick was won, a club was led, and when West played a low club the King was put up and the suit returned at once. East (all) there was nothing better to do than to clear the heart suit, and the King in Dummy won the trick. Now a club was returned, and when both opponents followed suit the safety of the contract was assured. West won and scored three heart tricks, but the opening lead, which brought in the King, was a costly mistake for a correctly bid and correctly played hand.

Reunited by Tragedy

A poignant scene at Queens County Court, L.I., as Helen Cuevas comforts her husband, Ignacio, Cuban engraver, who is awaiting trial on a charge of slaying Patrolman Joseph Misachis, with whom his wife is said to have been friendly. Although it was pointed out it would aid defence, Cuevas refuses to have his wife's name dragged into the case.

RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Dual Transmission To-night.

Chinese Studio Concert.

5-8 p.m.—European programme.

5.6 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Concert from the Studio.

6.30-7 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.30-8 p.m.—Recorded music. A Concert.

Orchestral—
Tragic Overture, Op.81 (Brahms).
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra directed by Adrian Boult.

Pianoforte Solo—
Children's Corner Suite—No. 3, Serenade for the Doll (Debussy).

Paganini Etude in E Flat Major (Paganini-Liszt-Busoni).

Vladimir Horowitz.

Song—
Carceleras (Prison Song) (Chapli) ("Las Hijas del Zebecoo").
Serenata (Tosti).

Madame Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Violin Solo—
Concerto in G, Minor—Adagio (Max Bruch).

Louis Zimmermann.

Song—
In my Garden (O'Keeffe-Firestone).
Neapolitan Love Song (Blossom-Herbert).

Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Pianoforte Solo—
Prelude in A Minor (Debussy).
Alte Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky).

Isabelle Yakovsky.

Orchestral—
London Suite (Eric Coates). (a) Tarantelle—Convent Garden.

(b) Meditation—Westminster.
(c) March—Knightsbridge.

Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.

6 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

6.30-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Midday Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

N.B.—From 8.30-10 p.m. "Z.B.W. Hong Kong" will broadcast programme of European recorded music on 640 K.C.'s.

Orchestral—
Leonore Overture No. 1. (Beethoven). Willem Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra.

Songs—
(a) Berceuse (b) Snow Drop (Gretchenhoff).

Song—
Dobrynia Nikitich (Gretchenhoff).

Nina Koshetz (Soprano).

Concerto in A Minor, Op. 15 (Grieg).

Arthur de Graaf and the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald.

1st movement—
Allarg. molto moderato.

2nd movement—
Andante.

3rd movement—
Allarg. moderato molto a marce.

Song—
Les Millions D'Arlequin (Scherzade) (Bergueta & Drieu).

Vienna City of my Dreams (Lockwood & Slattery).

Orchestral—
Cello Concerto (Tchaikovsky).

Concerto in the A.M. The Song in the A.M. (Hammerton, etc. & King).

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WISE AND OTHERWISE**To-day In The Garden**

Not me.

The High Cost of Loving
Owing to the rise in gold prices, a wedding ring now costs a man about \$3 4s. and his liberty.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Outdoor re-leaf.

LET'S BE CHEERFUL

Well, maybe the wolf is at my door. But there's such a pile of bills on the mat inside I can't get a glimpse of him.

KIDDIES' KORNER

There was a man

He had a cockerel.

He called it Robinson

Because it crowed so.

"Einstein's Bust," says a Head-line

So'm I.

Spoke In Their Wheel

Mr. Neville Chamberlain is again being urged to tax bicycles.

Why not make cyclists take out a pedaller's licence?

At Cruel's Last Week

Canine days wonder.

Privileged

A crowd had assembled at the scene of a fire, and a policeman was moving them on. One man, however, refused to go.

"Why should he stop," he said, pointing to a man who was watching the conflagration with considerable interest, "and I move on?"

The policeman smiled.

"Well, sir," he said, "it's his fire."

Same, Only Different

"There is a revival of interest in old melodies," notes a music publisher. "We know—but they are given different titles now."

GUARD SALUTES A PRISONER

Officer Arrested After Military Capture.

TRIBUTE TO BRAVE MAN

Cadix.

When General Jose Sanjurjo arrived at his new prison at Santa Catalina to complete the sentence of life imprisonment passed on him for plotting to overthrow the Republican fortress guard gave him a military salute.

"General Sanjurjo will always be my C.O.," exclaimed the Officer Commanding the Guard, as he gave the order for the salute.

The officer has now been placed under military arrest to await a court martial.

General Sanjurjo, famed as "the bravest man in Spain" was sentenced to death for his part in the Seville revolt of August 1932, but was reprieved.

He has just been transferred to Santa Catalina from a penal settlement near Santander which holds 380 of Spain's worst criminals.—Reuter.

Another Depression

A certain well-known weather forecaster is now driving a taxicab. Further outlook—no change.

His Registration

A man went to be overhauled by his doctor. When he had stripped, the doctor asked: "What's the idea of having '7662' tattooed on your back?"

"Oh, that's not tattooed," came the reply, "that's where the wife ran into me in the car when I was opening the garage."

Get Off Lightly

"You say you served in France?" said the restaurant manager, as he sampled the new cook's first soup.

"Yes, sir," replied the other, "Officer's cook for two years and wounded twice."

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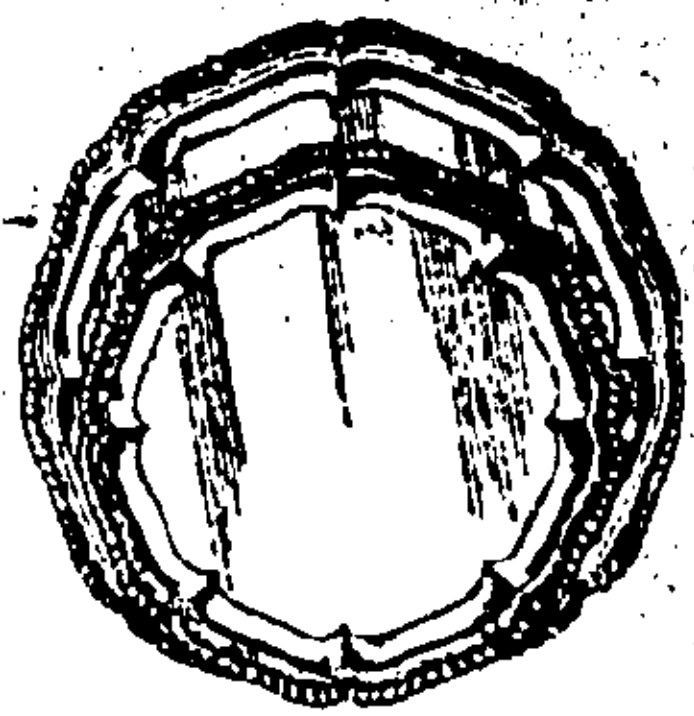
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EAGLE SOCCER WIN
OVER ADVENTURE

Stevens Scores Three
Of Side's Six.

NEWCOMERS LOSE 6 TO 1

Playing at the Valley yesterday, H.M.S. Eagle defeated a team from H.M.S. Adventure in a friendly football match by 6 goals to 1.

Rouse, Stevens (3), Bushell, and Bates scored for the winners, while Honey netted the only goal for the losers.

H.M.S. Eagle:—Kerwell, Forrest, Liddington, Mathias, Richards, McLurg, Rouse, Howells, Stevens, Bushell and Bates.

H.M.S. Adventure:—McSweeney, Willis, Avenall, Mann, Burt, Adams, Bennett, O'Donnell, Evans, Honey and Williams.

Referee:—Houghton.

CUMBERLAND AT
SOCCER.

Quarter Deck Beat
Marines.

WELSH OUTSTANDING

THE soccer team from H. M. S. Cumberland Quarter Deck defeated the Marines from the same vessel by two goals to nil at the Valley yesterday.

Sangan and Grabham netted for the winners, while Welsh was the outstanding player for the Marines.

Quarter Deck:—Paine, Lucas, Warburton, Watson, Tong, Willoughby, Sangan, Redman, Grabham, Smith and Webb.

Marines:—Holcombe, Burton, Drake, Field, Nelson, Welsh, Proctor, Mulvenna, Miller, Costas and Scottow.

Referee:—Slaughter.

SOCCER LEAGUE
FORECAST.

Week-End Matches.

The following is the forecasted soccer league programme for the week-end:—

SATURDAY

First Division

East Lancs v. Police (Kowloon 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Young Indians v. Club (Club 3 p.m.)

Third Division

R. A. M. C. v. R. E. (Military ground)

South China v. Radio (Caroline Hill)

University v. R. A. S. C. (Athletic ground)

SUNDAY

First Division

St. Joseph's v. Artillery (Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Dr. R. S. Traill and Mrs. Traill (—15) beat Rev. J. N. Lewis Bryan and Mrs. Lewis Bryan (—3).

Third Division

A. L. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan (—3) beat G. C. Humphreys and Miss Priestley (—5) 6-2, 10-8.

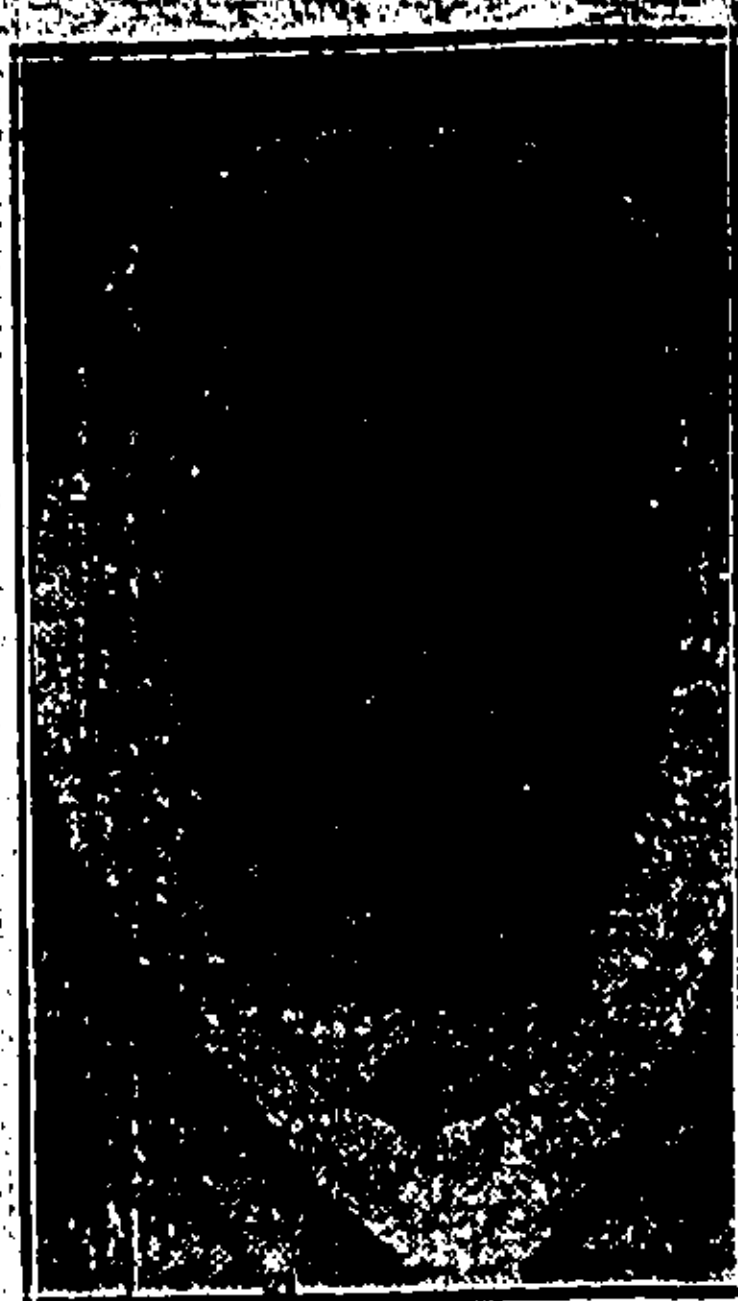
TAM MAKES REMARKABLE
RECOVERY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Sensational Collapse

Ho's collapse was sensational in view of the fact that he was supposed to possess unbounded stamina. In spite of his collapse against Tsui Wai Put, the other finalist in the C.R.C. Championship last year.

Tam's progress has been remarkable. He is undoubtedly the most improved player of the year, his placements being very sound and his stroke production though still weak in the backhand being a much higher standard than he displayed last year.



Prime Carera believes it or not, the individual pictured above is Henri Cochet, the Italian heavyweight boxing champ. He looks more like "Apple Annie" or a New York East Side woman pushcart peddler, bundled up after a workout in his training at Miami Beach, Fla., for his bout with Tommy Loughran.

COCHET ON THE
DAVIS CUP

Prophecy That America
Will Win

FRENCH ACE EMPHATIC

No sooner had Henri Cochet arrived in New York to prepare for his participation in professional tennis matches with Tilden and Vines, than he surprised his interviewers by informing them that, in his opinion, the United States will win the Davis Cup from England this year.

"Most certainly," he said, "the Americans will win. The English, no, no. One year they will hold the Davis Cup. The Australians, they are dangerous, but America, ah!

"Your doubles team, always it wins. No one can beat George Lott and either Wilmer Allison or John Van Ryn. So there you have one point to start with."

"On the grass courts at Wimbledon, Frank Shields and Allison, or Sidney Wood—all are the equals of Bunny Austin and Fred Perry in singles. If I had to choose to bet, I would not know who. So at least it is even in the singles. The doubles then makes it certain, no?"

His interviewers shook or nodded their heads, indicating yes, or no, as they felt inclined, somewhat confused by M. Cochet's emphatic.

China Mail
Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Ladies Section Spring Meeting and Presentation of Prizes.

Hockey:—Borderers v. East Lancashire.

Racing:—Entire close for Second Extra Race Meeting (noon)

FRIDAY

Radio Sports v. "Incognitos." (5.15 p.m.)

Hong Kong Club "A" v. St. Andrew's (5 p.m.)

Laws Tennis Open Doubles:—S. A. and E. D. Rumbach v. Ho Kailan and Tsui Wai-pai.

SECURES TRIPLE IN
ANNUAL SPORTSLA SALLE RECORD WIN
IN INVITATION RELAY

KING'S COLLEGE SECOND

WINNING the High Jump, the Long Jump, and the 100 Metres High Hurdles, W. Chen won the Victor Ludorum at the St. Joseph's College annual athletic meeting at Caroline Hill yesterday.

A. Oserio was the junior champion, and Law Chi To secured the mid-levels' championship.

La Salle College won the invitation relay race from King's College, and R. Cross secured the prize in the 1,500 metres event for military runners from Murray Barracks.

His Excellency, Mgr. Henry Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, distributed the prizes at the conclusion.

The following were the complete results:

Long Jump (Junior):—
1. A. Oserio; 2. J. Lee; 3. T. Gill.
Distance: 14 ft. 7 in.

High Jump (Senior):—
1. W. Chen; 2. Kwok Ying Kong; 3. Henry Shiu.
Height: 6 ft. 1 in.

High Jump (Junior):—
1. Ho Lin Kit; 2. Wong Ting Shek; 3. L. Rosario.
Height: 4 ft. 5 in.

Long Jump (Senior):—
1. W. Chen; 2. Soo Foo Shun; 3. A. R. Rank.
Distance: 18 ft. 3 in.

100 Metres (Junior):—
1. Wong Ting Shek; 2. A. Pereira; 3. A. R. Rank.
Time: 14 secs.

100 Metres (Senior):—
1. Simon Hoai; 2. G. Sequeira; 3. S. Chan.
Time: 13 secs.

100 Metres (Midgels):—
1. Law Chi To; 2. M. Hussain; 3. Chow Chun Kow.
Time: 16 secs.

200 Metres (Junior):—
1. Wong Ting Shek; 2. A. Pereira; 3. Chia Pik Siang.
Time: 30 secs.

200 Metres (Senior):—
1. C. Amery; 2. G. Sequeira; 3. A. Barker.
Time: 25.45 secs.

400 Metres (Junior):—
1. A. Oserio; 2. E. J. Barra; 3. Chia Pik Siang.
Time: 65 secs.

400 Metres (Senior):—
1. H. Souza; 2. A. Barker; 3. Tsui Kwong Fai.
Time: 62.45 secs.

Sack Race (Midgels):—
1. M. Hussain; 2. G. Sequeira; 3. G. Leong.
Time: 2 mins. 39 secs.

800 Metres (Junior):—
1. A. Oserio; 2. E. J. Barra; 3. T. Castilho.
Time: 2 mins. 39 secs.

800 Metres (Senior):—
1. C. Mackintosh; 2. G. Marr.
Time: 2 mins. 27 secs.

3,000 Metres Bicycle Race:—
1. Chun Fook Him; 2. Yeung Kin Fan; 3. Soon Foo Sun.
Time: 8 mins. 7 secs.

Obstacle Race (Midgels):—
1. Law Chi To; 2. Chow Chun Kow; 3. A. Oserio.
Time: 5 mins. 18 secs.

Putting the Shot:—
1. G. Whittick; 2. S. Velasco; 3. Tsui Kwong Fai.
Distance: 29 ft. 11 in.

100 Metres (Senior Boys of Kai Lap School):—
1. Chun Lum; 2. Wong Yik Lum; 3. Chun Yee Wing.
Time: 100 Metres (Junior Boys of Kai Lap School):—
1. Lee Chee Wing; 2. Chan Tak Wing; 3. Yan Chang Fong.

100 Metres (Pupils of Saint Mary's School):—
1. S. Rodriguez; 2. C. Marques; 3. A. Oserio.

100 Metres (Pupils of Saint Francis School):—
1. M. M. Omar; 2. R. Crestejo; 3. A. V. Basso.

100 Metres (Pupils of the Canadian School):—
1. A. Chan; 2. H. Sullivan.

FORMER CHAMPIONS

The following have been former champions in athletics:
1923—M. Murata.
1924—M. Murata.
1925—H. Siew.
1926—J. O'Sullivan.
1927—J. O'Sullivan.
1928—A. Hassala.

100 Metres (Pupils of Saint Paul's Institution)

1. D. Martin; 2. C. Young.
50 Metres (Midgels) (Convent Schools):—
1. S. Hollands; 2. I. M. Omar.

50 Metres (Midgels) Girls:—
1. Castilho; 2. G. Rodriguez; 3. A. Thirlwell.

50 Metres (Midgels) Pupils of Saint Joseph's College:—
1. Lau Chi To; 2. M. Hussain; 3. Dick An Sing.

200 Metres Pupils of La Salle College:—
1. Lee Tak Koon; 2. A. Cruz.
Time: 55 secs.

Invitation Relay Race:—
1. La Salle College; 2. King's College; 3. Wah Yan College.

400 Metres Saint Joseph's Old Boys:—
1. A. Hassala; 2. Chung Wah Cheuk; 3. T. Castilho.

200 Metres Boys of Saint Louis Industrial School:—
1. Tang Pak Wah; 2. Poon Man Wai; 3. Wong Chi Man.

1,500 Metres (Military of Murray Barracks):—
1. R. Cross; 2. Yendle; 3. L. H. Miers.

Time: 4 mins. 41 secs.
110 Metres High Hurdles (Senior):—
1. W. Chen; 2. J. Arnais; 3. H. Souza.

Time: 22.35 secs.
Inter-Class Relay Race (Midgels):—
1. Class 7A; 2. Class 7A; 3. Class 4A.

Inter-Class Relay Race (Junior):—
1. Class 3A; 2. Class 4A.
Inter-Class Relay Race (Senior):—
1. Class 2A; 2. Class 2A.

Scot Race 200 Metres:—
1. C. Lellao; 2. W. Tien; 3. C. Sato.

Inter-Class Tag-of-War (Junior):—
1. Class 6A.
Inter-Class Tag-of-War (Senior):—
1. Class 2B.

Senior Champion:—
W. Chen.
Junior Champion:—
W. Chen.

Midgels Champion:—
Law Chi To.

Inter-Class Tournament

Senior Football:—
Won by Class One.

Junior Football:—
Won by Class Three A.

Midgels Football:—
Won by Class Five A.

Borderers v. Day Boys:—
Won by Day Boys.

Cricket:—
Batting Averages:—C. Windson.
Bowling Averages:—C. Amery.

AUSTRALIA
WILL VISIT
SOUTH AFRICA

Test Cricket Series
In 1935-6 Season

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

South Africa now seems assured that her wish to have a visit of a team direct from Australia will be gratified.

At its meeting in Sydney last month the Board of control decided that, subject to satisfactory conditions being arranged, a team of 14 players and a manager-treasurer, would tour the Union in the 1935-6 season.

The following tentative programme for the proposed tour was approved by the Board:—

Nov. 4, 1935.—Arrive at Durban.
Nov. 9, 10 and 11.—Play Natal at Durban.

Nov. 16, 18 and 19.—Play Border at East London.

Nov. 23, 25 and 26.—Play Eastern Province at Port Elizabeth.

Nov. 30, Dec. 2 and 3.—Play Western Province at Cape Town.

Dec. 7, 9 and 10.—Play Transvaal at Johannesburg.

Dec. 14, 16, 17 and 18.—Play South Africa (first Test) at Durban.

Dec. 24, 26, 27, 28.—Play South Africa (second Test) at Johannesburg.

Jan. 1, 2, 3 and 4.—Play South Africa (third Test) at Cape Town.

Jan. 7, 8 and 9.—Play Orange Free State at Bloemfontein.

Jan. 11, 13 and 14.—Play Griqualand West at Kimberley.

January 17, 18 and 19.—Play Transvaal at Johannesburg.

Jan. 24, 26 and 27.—Play Rhodesia at Bulawayo.

Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2 and 3.—Play South Africa (fourth Test) at Johannesburg.

Feb. 6, 8 and 9.—Play Western Province at Cape Town.

Feb. 12, 13, 15 and 16.—Play South Africa (fifth Test) at Cape Town.

The carrying out of the tour, and the programme are subject to the approval of the Imperial Cricket Conference, which will be held in London while the Australians are there this year. There is no doubt, however, that the required approval will be given.

HOPE THAT LARWOOD
WILL RECOVER FORMNotts Committee Make
Statement.

PRICE FOR PLAYERS' SUCCESS

"It is hoped that Larwood will be fit to bowl as well as ever in 1934," state the Notts County Club Committee in their annual report.

"Looking back on the season, one realises the heavy price the club has had to pay for the success of its two famous players—Larwood and Voo—in Australia, both in the season's results and in reduced income," adds the report, which reveals a loss on the season's working of £166 9s. 10d.

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HANDICAP SINGLES "B"

First Round
M. W. Turner (—1) beat J. R. Collis (+15) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Rev. J. N. Lewis Bryan (scr.) beat Maj. J. H. Murphy (—3) 6-2, 3-5, 9-7.

D. S. Robb (+15) beat A. K. MacKenzie (—15) 7-5, 6-1.

C. C. Garthwaite (scr.) received a.w.o. from R. O. F. King (scr.).

Second Round

L. H. Murphy (+3) beat J. W. Brunner (scr.) 6-1, 6-2.

G. C. Humphreys (+2) received a.w.o. from J. W. Shewan (+2).

Robb (+15) beat Garthwaite (scr.) 10-8, 6-2.

A. C. Beck (+3) beat E. O. Laine (scr.) 6-2, 6-3.

H. F. Phillips (—3) beat A. H. Harbord (+4) 7-5, 6-4.

T. A. Pearce (—3) received a.w.o. from Lt.-Comdr. Jacob (+3).

Third Round
Pearce (—3) beat Phillips (—3).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

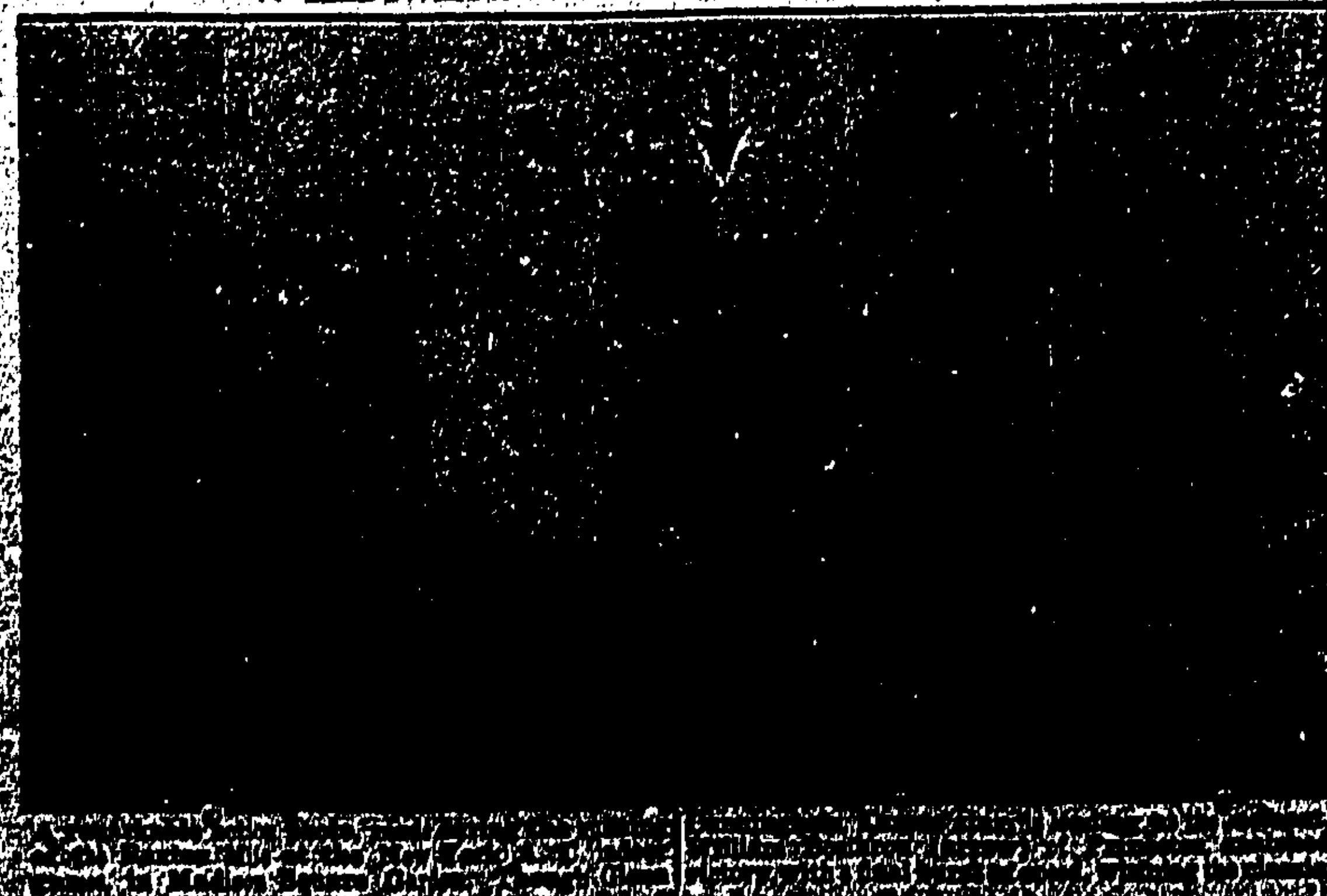
First Round
L. H. Murphy and M. W. Turner (+2) beat G. C. O. Worrall and L. M. S. Lloyd (scr.) 8-6, 6-0.

D. C. Dunham and J. W. Mayhew (—3) beat D. B. Evans and M. M. Watson (scr.) 6-0, 6-1.

J. Rodger and G. S. Rodger (scr.) beat E. R. Price and J. J. Price (—1) 6-4, 6-4.

G. W. Stubb and H. F. Phillips (+4) received a.w.o. from O. W. King and K. E. Watson (+4).

Whirlwind Finish of Baxter Mile



HOCKEY

(Continued from Page 4.)

Recreio Players Wear
Portugal's Badge.

BORDERERS BEATEN

Playing with the badge of Portugal on their shirts, the Club de Recreio defeated the South Wales Borderers by two goals to nil in a keen hockey encounter on the U.S. B.C. ground yesterday.

M. C. Hinton and O. de Sousa scored the goals in the first half.

HERALD MAY ADVENTURE

In an interesting hockey match at the Valley yesterday, H.M.S. Herald defeated H.M.S. Adventure by 5 to 1.

BANKS

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Commerce and Finance

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A.O.F.C. Quotations.

New York, Yesterday.

Dow Jones Averages.

Last To-day's Change.

Aver. Aver.

30 Industrials 101.01 99.35 1.66 down

20 Rails 47.94 48.94 1.00 down

30 Utilities 26.12 25.71 .41 down

40 Bonds 92.77 92.53 .24 down

Commodity Index 53.94 53.29 .65 down

Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. Report:—The market is awaiting the outcome of the labour conferences. Beyond that there is little or nothing to say. Wheat: Prices fluctuated with securities. Cotton: Narrow and rather reactionary. The Trade bought on the scale-down but purchases were insufficient to absorb offerings, which originated abroad. Sentiment was quite mixed. Silver: The uncertainty over the silver legislation and the easeiness in London and Shanghai caused a decline. A statement credited to Senator Pittman, advocating the use of silver as a means of broadening the metallic base, attracted scattered buying. Continental Oil has declared a dividend of twenty-five cents. Business Done:—1,070,000 shares.

Last To-day's Change.

Price Price

Air Reduction 94% 94%

Allied Chemical & Dye 148 148

American Can 97 97

American Radiator 14 14

American Smelting 42 41

American Tel. & Tel. 117 117

American Tobacco 68 67

American Waterworks 20 20

Anacosta Copper Mining 14 14

Auburn 52 51

Bendix Aviation 18 18

Borden Co. 23 23

Canadian Pacific 17 16

J. I. Case 70 69

Caterpillar Co. 29 28

Chase National Bank 27 26

Chrysler Motors 52 50

Consolidated Gas of N.Y. 39 38

Curtis Wright 44 43

Du Pont de Nemours 95 94

Eastman Kodak 88 87

Electric Auto-Lite Co. 27 27

Electric Bond & Share 18 17

Electric Power & Light 7 7

General Electric 21 21

General Foods 33 33

General Motors 37 36

Gillette Safety 10 10

Gulf Dust 19 19

Internat. Harvester 41 40

Internat. Tel. & Tel. 14 14

Liggett & Myers "B" 88 86

Loew's Inc. 31 31

Montgomery Ward 31 31

National Biscuit 42 42

National City Bank 25 24

National Dairy Prod. 15 15

Otis Elevator 15 15

Pacific Gas & Electric 19 19

Packard Motors 5 5

Pennsylvania Ry. 34 32

Radio Corp. 7 7

Sears Roebuck 47 46

Socoy-Vacuum Corp. 16 15

Standard Brands 21 20

Standard Gas 12 12

Standard Oil Co. of N.J. 44 44

Texas Corp. 25 25

Trans-America 6 6

Union Carbide & Carbon 42 42

United Air & Transport 23 23

United Corp. 8 8

United States Steel 51 50

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 77 77

New York 51 51

Montreal 51 51

Brussels 21 21

Geneva 15 15

Amsterdam 75 74

Berlin 12 12

Milan 59 59

Vienna 28 28

Stockholm 17 17

Copenhagen 22 22

Oslo 12 12

Prague 12 12

Helsingfors 22 22

Madrid 37 37

COTTON, SILVER AND WHEAT

Latest Quotations.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKETS

New York, Mar. 22.

Messrs. Asia Lands Ltd. have received the following quotations on the New York cotton and wheat, rubber, silk and silver exchanges on the Commodity Exchange Inc. New York:—

Closing Commodity Price on March 21.

SILVER.

Commodity Exchange Inc. of New York:

Mar. 20 Range Mar. 21 Range

Mar. 46.00 46.00 45.55 45.55

July 46.35 46.35 45.90 45.90

Sept. 46.65 46.70 46.30 46.30

Dec. 47.40 47.55 47.05 47.05

Total sales for the day:—

182 contracts of — 77 contracts of 25,000 ozs. each — 25,000 ozs. each



MARIE DRESSLER'S TRIUMPH IN "HER SWEETHEART"

TWO HIGH CLASS R.K.O. FILMS COMING TO KING'S THEATRE.

Chevalier And Baby Le Roy Will Charm All Hearts in "Bedtime Story."

In "Counsellor-At-Law," John Barrymore deftly handles an exacting role in a film that has many claims to distinction. Elmer Rice, the author of the play also supervised the screen version.

I admit a sneaking feeling that I would have preferred Paul Muni in the role he made famous on the stage. Muni is more perfectly equipped in manner and appearance to play the Jew lawyer who starts in the Ghetto and becomes the most famous Attorney in New York, but it must be admitted that Barrymore brings that touch to the characterization that makes his work in the thrilling drama, something to be remembered.

The story is another of those written in the vein of "Grand Hotel," and we do not leave the luxurious offices of "G.S." (George Simon) as he is known to rich and poor alike. I like the way the small parts are all handled, but must mention in particular John Qualen, the reformed crook, and Vincent Sherman, the young Communist.

Bebe Daniels Flawless.

I know I am a real Bebe Daniels "Fan." I have counted myself among her great admirers for years, but, as usual, per se, I have been a flawless performance as the adoring Secretary. Doris Kenyon, as the selfish society wife, makes one regret that she has stayed away so long from the talkies. Onslow Stevens (remembered in "Peg-O-My-Heart") is given a good chance as the partner and takes it with both hands. Melvyn Douglas (liked here in "To-night or Never") is the lover. Isobel Jewel is priceless as the telephone operator, while Thelma Todd pleases.

Universal have done a fine job, sparing nothing to make it a success. William Wyler, the Director, has blended the whole production with skill and understanding. It has everything that means topnotch entertainment. Fascinating, human, and dramatic things happen in the film, working at a speed that does not slacken. We fit from character to character in the daily turmoil of life in the law offices of sensational Attorneys. NOT to be missed. Alhambra.

Marie Dressler's Best

This followed by what my friend Norbert Lusk, the famous critic of "Picture Play" describes as "Marie Dressler's Best Picture." In England they titled the stage play "The Late Christopher Bean" Metro have called it "Her Sweetheart." It matters not what they call it—you will enjoy a picture that gives "Queen Marie" a golden opportunity. It has depth, charm and plausibility, with a little slapstick comedy thrown in to appease the star's admirers.

I will take this opportunity to correct an error that has been made by the recent visiting theatrical company. In advertising the play they stated it was written by Emlyn Williams. This clever young actor, would not take the honours from the French author Rene Fauchois, from whose comedy "Prenez garde de la Peinture" he made the English adaptation for Edith Evans and Sir Cedric Hardwicke in the parts portrayed on the screen by Marie Dressler and Lionel Barrymore. Many local "fans" will no doubt be able to compare the two performances.

Lionel Barrymore Excels

The American writer, Sidney Howard, adapted the screen version. The plot revolves round the discovery of the art world of the lost paintings of the late Christopher Bean. Lionel Barrymore gives a most marvellous performance as the country Doctor torn between greed and honesty.

Love, interest, drama, and comedy are cleverly blended and

San Wood the Director deserves the highest praise. He has given the star one of her greatest parts, but has also allowed others excellent opportunities. Notably Beulah Bondi, who plays the wife of the Dr. (as she did on Broadway). "Fans" will remember her work in "Street Scene" and "The Stranger's Return." She is so lifelike as the New England character that she can be mentioned with the stars. Helen Mack and Russell Hardie stand out as the lovers helped by "Abby," the old servant (Marie Dressler) while Helen Shipman is the spoiled daughter.

Among others we find H. B. Warner and Jean Hersholt, all capably filling their roles. This film means box-office everywhere, not only because of the marvellous work done by the stars, but because the story is interesting, and the casting ideal. See it more than once and be sure to take the children. Marie gives you your laugh and your tear—and I can safely say she stands in a class all by herself. (Alhambra).

Clara Bow's Latest.

"Hoop-La" depends a great deal upon Sex-appeal. In the first half of the film many of us remember as "The Barker," the "It" Girl Clara Bow emulates Mae West. As the gum chewing Carnival girl with doubtful morals, we find her whole nature changing when she falls in love with the simple innocent son of the Barker.

Richard Cromwell does not come up to his usual high standard, and Preston Foster is too young to be cast as the Father-in-law—man make-up detracts from reality. Florence Roberts, a favourite character actress of mine, stands out as the fortune teller, with Minna Gombell as the jealous mistress, and Herbert Mundin and James Gleason serving the humour. It is hardly to credit the fact that Frank Lloyd, who did "Cavalcade," was responsible for the direction.

Interesting R.K.O. Releases

This will be followed by two interesting films from R.K.O.

"Anne Vickers" from the story by Sinclair Lewis introduces Irene Dunne as the social worker who loves, but does not care about marriage, which naturally leads to much trouble. The acting is a delight all round, but the film moves a little too slowly in the beginning. Irene Dunne looks lovely all the time, and one can hardly imagine her as a prison reformer. Walter Huston, as the Judge, gives one of his fine character studies—Huston the dependable. Bruce Cabot is quite satisfying as her first love. Conrad Nagel, Edna May Oliver, Kitty Kelly and Sam Hardy act their roles convincingly, but the responsibility of the show rests upon the shoulders of Miss Dunne and Mr. Huston. I will not tell the story, but there is drama in plenty. Recommended.

Joel McCrea Again.

This will be followed by "Chance of Heaven," wherein Joel McCrea, a gas-filling operator, overlooks the virtues of pretty Ginger Rogers who adores him for the smiles of the rich girl, Marian Nixon. Does not sound much, but Vivia Dalmar's story is appealing, and the acting first-rate. As this is a film we find virtue triumphant, believe it or not.

The British film "Bitter Sweet," starring Anna Neagle and Bernard Gray, comes next to the King, and then the popular two W. "Whoops and Woops" in "Hips Hips Hoory." Pictures At Two Theatres. The programme that the Hong Kong Archdiocese intend trying out an experiment—that is, to play Warner Bros. Musical "Footlight Parade" at two of their

Had Revolutionary Honeymoon



Belena Costello, beautiful screen star, who is back from Cuba with an exciting tale about Cuban life—particularly as it concerns her wedding bliss with Dr. Arturo del Barrio, her third hubby. For three days of the honeymoon everything went lovely, but then the shooting began and she had to pack up and flee the beautiful palms back to New York.

theatres at the same time—Alhambra, Kowloon, and the World, Des Voeux Road. This is a memorable picture because the much-liked Jimmy Cagney, who has been seen far too seldom in this Colony—makes his first appearance in a musical show. Again there is a back-stage plot, but the dances will be breath-taking, especially the Water scene. Rugby Keeler and Dick Powell fit in and out, while Joan Blondell and Guy Kibbee with "Ha Ha" comedian, Frank McHugh, add a tremendous amount of interest. This picture is more than worth-while.

"Bedtime Story" Some of the writers have stated that Baby Le Roy steals the film "Bedtime Story" from Chevalier. I think this is absurd. The baby is adorable, admitted, and the woman's heart is especially will be charmed with him, but I do not think anyone could outclass the star.

Edward Everett Horton, as the valet, runs a close seconds. You cannot help laughing when he discovers the likeness in the lower lip—but all is explained satisfactorily.

The picture opens with the gay Chevalier, but when the poor little deserted baby is discovered in his car, and he decides to adopt it, the human interest starts.

I do not think Paramount ever collected a more uninteresting set of women than they have in this film. Helen Twelvetrees looks more like a pretty chorus girl, than a nurse, but Adrienne Ames wears her lovely gowns well. Leah Ray, Gertrude Michael and Betty Lorraine do not count at all. Chevalier is the true artist, so anxious and worried when he finds a baby has become part of his life, and his singing is as delightful as ever from the crooning "Monsieur Baby" to "Look What I've got" and "In the Park in Paris," all numbers which have been popular for months past. Chevalier has a charm that is all his own.

Personally I think the bouquet should be handed to the Director Norman Taurog (he gave us "Skippy"). He exercised the utmost patience, and hours were spent over the smallest "shot" in the scenes where Baby appears. "Wonderful Baby" California Child Law does not allow more than two hours work a day. When a scene was ready he was brought in for the actual "shot." Take for instance where he sits in the middle of the bed and gurgles "Ha-da." The actual words were said on his nurse's knee, the "mike" at once lowered, and then the sound transformed to the scene on the bed. This patented baby seldom cries—and when he weeps on Chevalier's shoulder, that was accomplished in another setting. When his nurse tries to blow his nose in the only time this baby whimpers. It was nine weeks before they got him to THROW the water, as it were, and then the director and his assistants treated the child's situation with all sorts of changes, and the camera and the baby were only able to make it now about fifteen minutes and his last

words are recorded in his latest film "Miss Fane's Baby is Stolen." You would be unwise to miss this picture, and be sure to take the children. (Queen's.)

Wall Street Picture

"Big Executive" is another of those stories about Wall Street. At least it gives us Ricardo Cortez again as hero—he is too charming to be typed as a bad man. It also gives Richard Bennett a fine acting part, as the man who ruins him. Elizabeth Young is another of those Socialites—like Mrs. Garry Cooper (Sandra Shaw) who try the stage for the fun of it. She lacks screen experience, and Sharon Lynn steals the feminine honours. Nothing will ever keep me away from a "Ricky" Cortez film. (Queen's.)

"Bed of Roses"

Constance Bennett revels in playing parts where she strays, but which give endless opportunities to wear gorgeous gowns. In "Bed of Roses" we have the typical Bennett vehicle, but a newcomer, Pert Kelton (from vaudeville), really takes the acting honours. Joel McCrea is the Captain of the barge who wins the heroine's heart in the end, and John Halliday is her wealthy lover. Not so good as usual, but an enjoyable evening should be spent. Then we are promised the mystery yarn—"Tomorrow at Seven," with Chester Morris and Vivienne Osborne among a large cast.

Star Releases

Joan Bennett, Ben Lyon and John Halliday are in "Week-ends only" at the Star, a delightfully acted comedy-drama. Next comes the Australian girl Nancy Brown in "Maid of the Mountains," and Harry Welchman as the bandit—not too good. "Duck Soup," with the Marx Brothers madder than ever, brings countless laughs.

Majestic Picture.

Jimmy Dunn and Sally Eilers in the kind of story we always associate with these two are at the Majestic. After seeing "Hold me Tight," you will not wonder why Sally grew temperamental—she was so tired of the same plot. This is quite enjoyable, though if you do not go expecting another "Bad Girl"—because it is NOT.

Be sure to see the famous star, adorable Janet Gaynor and much liked Warner Baxter in "Paddy"—the next best thing—Most certainly worth seeing more than once.

I'M TELLING YOU.

Baby Le Roy Winebrener was born in November 1932 in the Salvation Army Shelter in Los Angeles. His mother was poor and homeless, and only sixteen years of age, and his father was dead. Everyone loved this poor little baby, and it was Captain Lee of the Shelter who was instrumental in getting him his part when Paramount advertised for a baby. Today he has become the bread winner for his mother and grandparents. They live in a pretty little bungalow where he can romp in the sun. He is a very happy, well-adjusted little fellow, and his parents are very proud of him. He is now being raised by his grandparents, and his

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SHORT SHOTS

"Catherine the Great" is receiving high praise from the critics in the States. This London Film Production starring the German Jewish actress Elizabeth Bergner should outclass the Paramount with Marlene Dietrich playing the same role. Young Douglas Fairbanks is not liked in costume parts, but the rest of the cast and production meet with approval, and it will rank with "Henry VIII" as a Box office draw.

The one-time favourite leading lady, Corinne Griffith will make another appearance in the talkies, her last being in London in "Lily Christine." Now she is to play opposite Otto Kruger in Radio's "Crime Doctor."

Grete Nissen is filing a suit for divorce from Weldon Hoyburn. Mae Murray (one-time Mrs. Robert Z. Leonard, then the "Princess" Midway) once reputed to have been the wealthiest actress in Hollywood, has filed a suit for bankruptcy. Her recently divorced husband went off with large sums of money from her oil well, which she cannot now recover.

Chevalier is back in Hollywood ready to start work at Metro in "The Merry Widow."

My friend Norbert Lusk states that it was good advertisement, but an awful mistake to bring John Gilbert back in the Garbo film "Queen Christina."

George Raft is to visit London.

Gary Grant is to be leading man again with Sylvia Sydney—his wife Virginia Cherrill is acting in a British film.

I am not glad to read that Claud Allister is to appear again in "Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back." I was never an admirer of this "lily ass" type of actor—he was always so much the same. Ronald Colman writes to me that he was to start work the next day, and hopes the film will soon be played out here.

Carl Brisson is acting with Jack Oakie and Victor McLaglen in his first Hollywood release.

Wheeler and Woolsey, with Thelma Todd and Zasu Pitts, will star together in a Radio comedy.

Anne Harding will act again with Leola Howard.

Marjorie Sullivan will be Queen Mary and John Halliday, the one famous star, Queen Elizabeth, in Universal's "Queen Elizabeth" and Mary.

Chinese Schoolboys In Debate

Machinery Blessing To World.

MAJORITY OF FIVE AT WAH YAN COLLEGE.

The motion, that "Modern Machinery has proved a curse rather than a blessing," which was discussed at the Debating Society of the Wah Yan College on Tuesday, gave rise to the most lively and interesting debate of the term.

In addition to the ordinary net speeches there were many ex tempore efforts, and a running cross-fire of question and answer showing the keen interest the boys took in the subject.

The arguments in favour of machinery were as follows:—

The blessings which have come to mankind through the invention of modern machinery are almost too numerous to mention. We live in an age of progress and that progress is in great part due to the advantages which accrue from machinery.

The vast difference between primitive life and that of the present day, the many conveniences of life, widespread education, ease and speed in travelling, commerce between nations, self-defence in time of war are all due to machinery.

The forces of nature have to be harnessed for the welfare of man. Waterfalls of themselves will not produce electricity; the dynamo has to be added.

The poor could not be educated were it not for the wide diffusion of books rendered possible by machinery.

What a loss to the world if the advantages of electricity were not at man's service. What if there were no cinemas, no newspaper, no matches, no spectacles, no quick means of transport or of travel. Surely the members of the opposition do not wish us to return to the primitive life and go round dressed in leaves and skins.

Many evils are attributed to the coming of machinery, but wrongly so. It is not machinery that causes depression and unemployment. It is the greed of men, and bad distribution which robs the many of the great blessings which machinery has to give. Do not blame the machines. Blame the hoarders and the covetous ones for using machinery for their own selfish interests.

Machinery is called a thief because it robs families of the means of livelihood. It has been called a murderer because it has brought starvation to many. But it is right to attribute all those ills to it. It is rather because the blessings of machinery are not communicated to the masses. Let the machines of the world work at full steam, let them produce as much as they can. Then let men find out means of distributing these blessings widely. If they will not do so, then lay the blame where blame should be laid, blame the evils which prevent machinery from doing its maiming the good that it is capable of doing.

The arguments against machinery were as follows:—

Many of the great advantages proposed by the members of the opposition are, at the best, very doubtful ones. In what way has all this convenience and speed in transport and in travel benefited mankind? Were not people infinitely happier in the olden times when they stayed where they were, led simple lives, and had not got all the things which are now called indispensable. We could get on very well without the cinema, of machine-made clothes, without wireless, and even without the newspaper.

Machinery is a great evil because it has made war what it is. The wars of olden times were small evils indeed when we compare the injury wrought by them with the devastating effect and ruin caused by the gigantic machine warfare of today. We conclude to a thing being good or evil from its effects, and the effects of modern machinery are wholesale slaughter, unemployment, bankruptcy, depression, strikes, rebellion and anarchy. These evil effects can in great part be traced to machinery. Hence we rightly conclude that it has proved a curse to mankind.

Of its very nature machinery is bound to cause unemployment. The machine can at times take the work of 100 workers. The families dependent on the work of these workers are thrown headlong into starvation. Machinery tends to bring about too great a disparity in the distribution

of wealth. As a consequence arise discontent, strikes, and rebellions.

It was not so during the middle ages in Europe. Then every little town or group of people was self-supporting. Work was done by hand, and the various craftsmen took the greatest pride in their work, and great interest in the trade they were following. The work was their own. They aimed at making it as perfect as possible. Machinery has destroyed all that.

Man is now but a cog in the machine. He does his one little bit. He has no interest in the finished article, and so, much of the love of work and good workmanship is gone for ever. That is one of the greatest evils of modern machinery, and it automatically leads to another. Life has been so hurried up by machinery that all is hurry and scurry and there is no time for thought. This lack of thinking is another great evil of the day which must be fathered on machinery. Machinery has upset the order of nature. It has drawn and is drawing people in ever increasing numbers to the cities, and away from the land.

One speaker humourously ended his speech with the suggestion that all inventors and would-be inventors of machinery should be put together on an island and be permitted to invent at leisure and to their hearts' content, but that none of their inventions should ever be allowed to reach the outside world. Any inventor that attempted to escape should be shot at sight.

There was a majority of five in favour of machinery.

The following spoke: Messrs. Yee Shou Shan and E. D. Wong (Leaders), Lam Wing Cheong, Lam Pui Kwan, Lin Kwai Wai, Cheung Yum, Young Sze Cheung, Chan Chi Kin, Lee Yo Wing, Wong Kam Nok, Chung Chan Lam, Paul Tsui, John Li, Chim Chon, Fung Ven Tsin.

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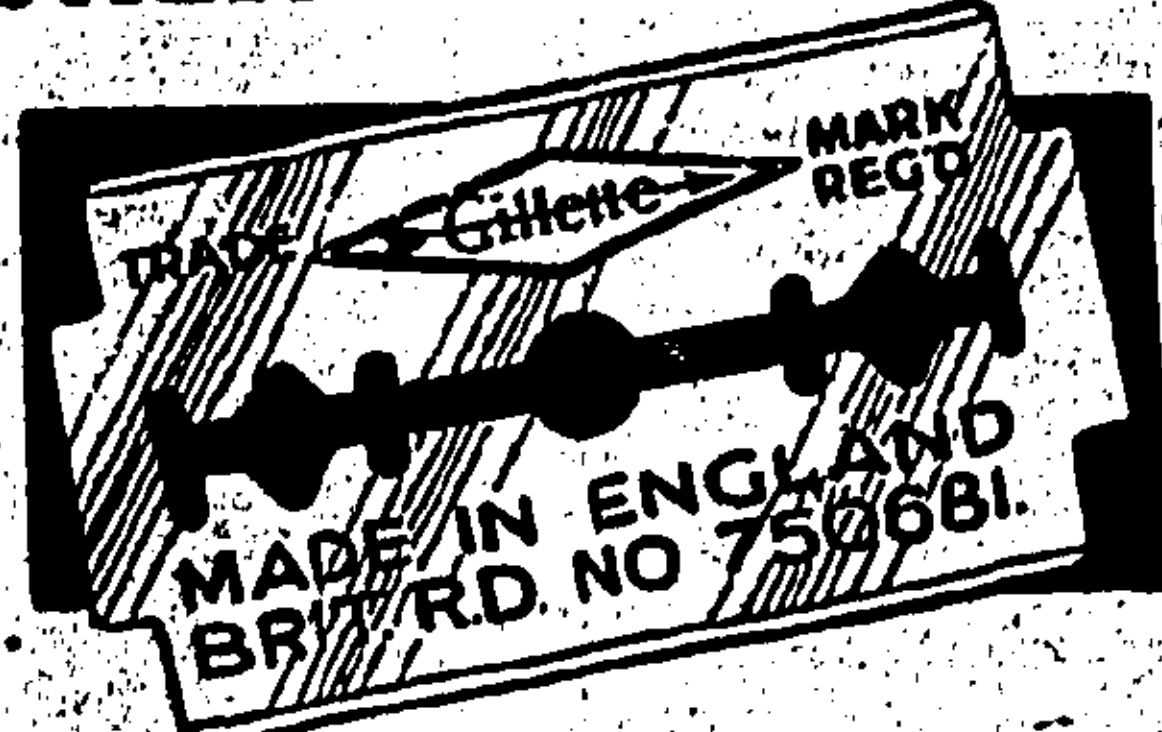
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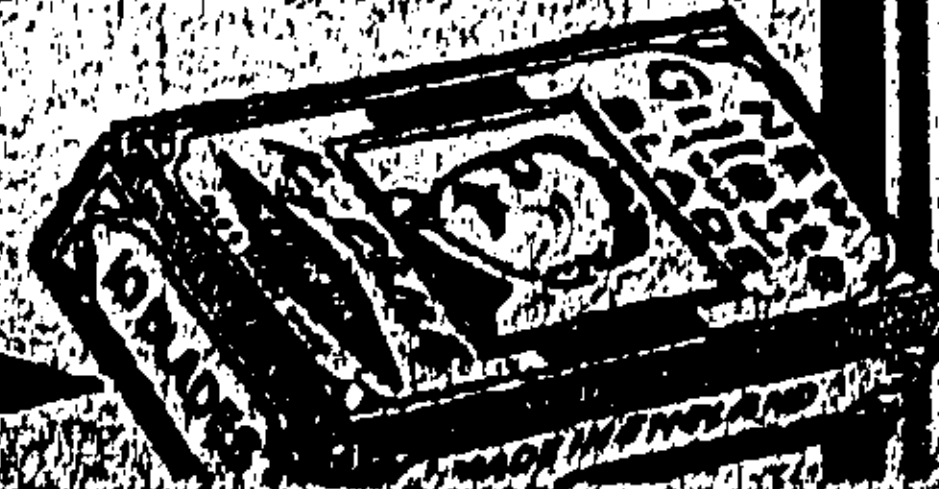
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Thursday, Mar. 22, 1934.

Parliament Still Justified.

That Parliamentary Government is on its trial has become almost an axiom of public life, especially in view of the manner in which so much of the world is turning to dictatorship. In all countries there is an impulse to national unity and concentration. The method of approach differs. Russia has passed through a revolution that has upheaved the whole fabric of the State. Italy and Germany have found salvation in individual dictatorship, and Austria, with more travail, is seeking the same remedy for its troubles. The United States, without assault upon their constitution, are placing the largest measure of confidence in the vigorous leadership of one man. France and Great Britain strive to overcome their perplexities by abandoning the forms of party government and, within the Parliamentary fabric itself, endeavouring to utilise the stronger elements of all parties. The rise of dictators has been spectacular. Can it be honestly said that it has anywhere been followed by the material success that has attended Britain's experiment in national reconstruction? There is not in the world to-day a country that may not be envious alike of Britain's material prosperity and ordering of her internal affairs. With a balanced Budget, improving trade, the prospect of lighter taxation and a considered programme of social amelioration, Great Britain is making progress while maintaining peace among its citizens and the ordered movement of its national life. It can be argued that the countries that have turned to dictatorship are relatively better off than they were. Relatively they are worse off than the home country. The large success in improving national life in Great Britain has been achieved without assault on the liberties of the people, and with freedom of speech to whatever opposition there be. The contrast is not unfavourable to her institutions or her methods, and the people are justified in their belief that the Parliamentary system is not outmoded. That there should be those who are not satisfied with the state of well-being is not strange. The times are ripe for the breeding of pickpocket dictators and politicians who have little other qualification than a desire for filling the part of a vocal organ, but these are not the

men to whom the destinies of the country will in any case be entrusted. A critical attitude, apparently not associated with any large ambitions of his own, is expressed in the letter, in which Lord Lyndhurst has announced his retirement from Parliament. His lordship has discovered that to be uncompromising in opinion is to be unable to adapt oneself to party politics, even when the politics are those of a National Government, which is necessarily based on a large measure of compromise. In such circumstances his action is natural. Men like Lord Lyndhurst who feel that they cannot put their energies into the common effort at a time like the present do right to hold aloof. They may still serve as stimulating critics. The part of the Government is so to conduct affairs as to confound such criticism.

British Industry's Vindication.

Through long years British industrialists have been exalted, admonished, and chided as to their shortcomings by public men and instructed as to their duties. They have made little answer but that of practical achievement. Steadily they have built up new and important manufactures; have revolutionised methods of work, invented machinery and adapted it to fresh processes, brought art and research into the factory, and learned the secrets of marketing. In short, they have done, silently and without fuss, all the things they were supposed to neglect. The outcome was recently seen at the British Industries Fair, an exhibition on such a scale and with such a variety as no other country has produced. It demonstrates conclusively that those who have disparaged British manufacturing achievements have been ignorant of what was going forward in the factory and the designing room. Every obvious new demand has been met. Nor has there been inability to arouse new desires to be satisfied. The proper test of such exhibitions is to ask how many of the products shown could have been produced at all twenty-five years ago. When that question has received its surprising answer, the inquirer may further ask how much of what remains had in the past anything like the beauty of form and finish that is now a commonplace. The British Industries Fair reserves all the stimulus it was given by the Royal Family and the Government. With stalls were both a magnificent advertisement of British goods and an evidence of national unity and inventiveness in competition for the world market.

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

Spelling Reforms

Colonel Robert McCormick, proprietor and editor of the "Chicago Tribune," has decided to spell his name "McCormick" as a practical contribution to simplified English. He has also decreed that his paper shall drop the final "s" from such words as catalogue and monologue, the second "s" from "advertisement," "definitely," and so on, and the second "t" from "words" like "controlled" and "cancelled." "Phantom" will be written "fantom," and hockey "hocky." Spelling reforms, like so many other reforms, are all right until they are into practice. Colonel McCormick's sub-editors will soon find themselves out of their depth. What about "brogue" and "vogue"? In these matters one must go the whole hog.

"Basic English"

America is temperamentally more sympathetic to spelling reform than our country. She is in a hurry, and she has a contempt for the superfluous. The word "midnite" appears on many cinema-posters on Broadway. "Thru" for "through" and "sox" for "socks" are recognised usages. These spontaneous growths, having their origin in convenience alone, are likely to prove more enduring than elaborate philological panaceas like "Basic English," whose founders (for whom Professor Gilbert Murray has expressed "warm sympathy") claim that it brings "order into the present confusion by generalising the most common of the existing spelling variants."

The Vatican And An Opera

The trouble in Rome over the disapproval by the Vatican of Respighi's new opera, "La Fiamma," may be far-reaching. The first performance was attended by the King and Queen and by Signor Mussolini. The Duke is a personal friend of the composer and has long sought to establish him as a sort of Roman Wagner. His "Fountains of Rome" bangs the Nationalistic drum very loud; but it is not so popular in Britain as his arrangement of some Rossini in the form of the popular ballet, "La Boutique Fantasque." There seems little in the plot of "La Fiamma" to which exception can be taken, particularly in view of the fact that the Vatican did not protest against Wolf-Ferrari's "The Jewels of the Madonna." This tells of a Neapolitan who steals jewels from a statue of the Virgin to give to a disreputable woman.

Your Pulse And Mine

The statement made by a police divisional surgeon that the average human pulse rate is getting faster sounds plausible and rather flattering. Most people find a perverse gratification in registering the effects of that psychologist's bogey, the Strain of Modern Life. A medical man is disappointingly sceptical about it. The pulse rate is not going up, he says. The average is still 72, although this is not a hard-and-fast figure. Most people vary between 70 and 80. Athletes, or men who regularly take violent exercise, usually have a low pulse-rate, somewhere round 65. But, on the whole, pulses have not been infected by the craze for speed.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Less than one half the radio sets now in use are more than three years old. Sponge rubber seat cushions covered with the usual materials have been invented that draw in and expel air to cool their users. German architects have designed a hydraulic elevator to lift the largest ships bodily when repairs are to be made to their hulls. To save space in hotels, reeling machines containing reels of a gramophone record are being made that will allow a listener to hear several records at once.

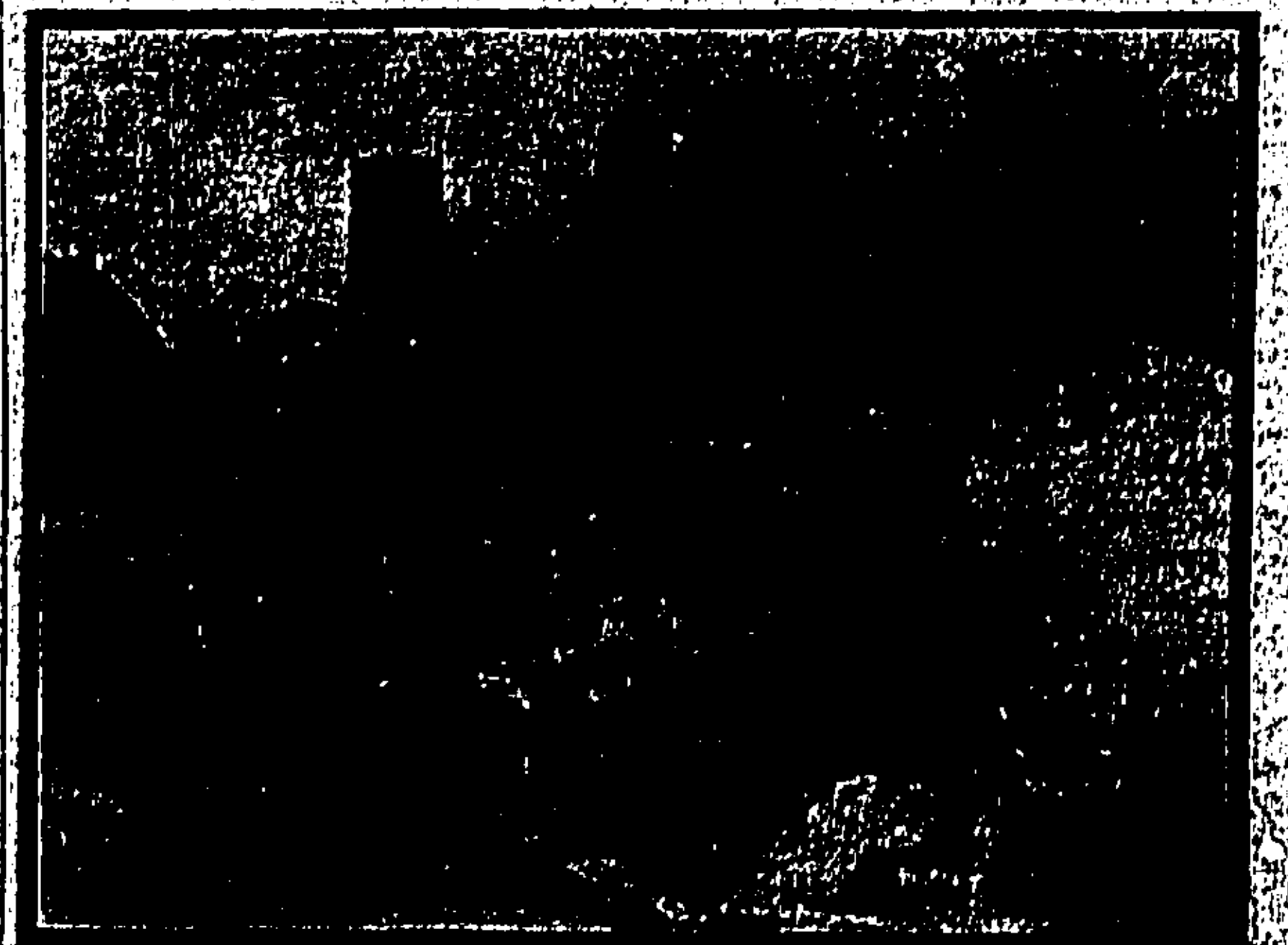
FORCEFUL HAND OF LORD FISHER EARLY WAR DAYS AT THE ADMIRALTY MEMOIRS OF AN ADMIRAL

(By Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.)

This is the first of a series of extracts from Sir Roger Keyes's book of memoirs. Sir Roger was Commander of Submarines at Harwich in the early days of the War, at the time of his meeting with Lord Fisher with which this narrative opens. When Lord Fisher's appointment, in October, 1914, to succeed Prince Louis of Battenberg as First Sea Lord was announced, the whole Service knew that there would be an upheaval. He was a wonderful friend to all who had served him well, some of whom had rather fallen by the way, and good appointments must be found for them all. Those who had ever dared to differ from him must, of course, be eliminated. He made no secret of his dislikes, and took pride in his ruthless vindictiveness. In fact boasted that no one who fell foul of him ever escaped. He was very bitter against Vice-Admiral Sturdee, Chief of the Admiralty War Staff. I do not know why, but it was a long-standing feud; he had every reason to disapprove of me, after I had the temerity to give him my views about submarines. So Sturdee and I were to be got rid of at once. But he reckoned without the First Lord, then Mr. Winston Churchill, who was not disposed to let him have a free hand to wreak his vengeance, or get rid of his victims, at any rate until suitable appointments could be found for them. "Would Make His Wife A Widow" Lord Fisher dealt with my case with characteristic vigour. Directly he arrived he gave orders that a certain officer, commanding a cruiser in the North Sea, was to come to the Admiralty, without waiting for his relief. He made no secret that this officer was to succeed me, directly I could be got rid of. In the meantime he appointed him to be one of his naval assistants. A couple of days later Lord Fisher arranged a meeting over which he presided. I was summoned from Harwich to attend, and told to sit at the opposite end of the table with Addison, my technical assistant, beside me. On either side of the table were all the principal Admiralty officials. He opened the meeting by telling us his intentions as to future submarine construction and turning to the Superintendent of Contracts, he said that he would make his wife a widow and his house a dunghill if he brought paper work or red tape into the business; he wanted submarines, not contracts. He meant to have them built in eight months; if he did not get them in eight months he would commit hara-kiri. Addison, in an aside which I think Lord Fisher must have heard, remarked, "Now we know exactly how long he has to live!" I laughed, and I suppose looked incredulous. It seemed absurd; we had not been able to write submarines out of Vickers and Catham Dockyard under two and a half years. He fixed me with a ferocious glare, and said, "If anyone thwarts me, he had better commit hara-kiri, too." By that time I felt pretty belligerent, too, and the same evening (Nov. 3) handed him a paper commencing thus: "First Sea Lord. In view of your remarks this morning as to the vital importance of providing as many submarines as possible in the shortest possible time, regardless of cost and departmental restrictions, I submit as a first action that every endeavour should be made to accelerate the completion of submarines under construction and recently ordered." Then followed the action I proposed. I enclosed a list of the vessels building, and their dates of completion under the existing procedure; a list of all the submarines which had come into the service during the four years I had been in command, which only amounted to twenty-one, in spite of all our efforts to overcome the monopoly and other restrictions; and a paper on the development of the Submarine Service which I had had printed for my successor, and the new Third Sea Lord, when I was about to leave to join the Tiger. My paper was, in fact, a reiteration and amplification of the answer I had given Lord Fisher less than four months before, when he asked me why we had not built more submarines. I knew he gave out that I had made a great mess of the Submarine Service, and I wanted to show him that I was not in the least repentant of anything I had done, that I stood by my guns, and was quite ready to go down with my colours flying. It may not have been tactful, but when one is unhappily involved in to my mind—and I would be ashamed of myself now if I had met Lord Fisher's onslaught otherwise. Green Ink Against Red Of course, it only made him all the more determined to get rid of me, but the First Lord would not allow me to be interfered with, so far as the sea-going side of my appointment was concerned, and I went back to Harwich to await events. Meanwhile for about a week an engagement was fought over my future—so I was told by the First Lord's secretary and two of Fisher's men, who were friends of mine. To one of the latter of Lord Fisher declared: "If that young man who writes minutes in side which I think Lord Fisher

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AN ENGINE BACKFIRED, AND—



THIS is what happened to the old world village of Collinsbourne, Kingston, near Southampton, Wiltshire, yesterday when a petrol engine back-fired. It was the first time in the village's history that a petrol engine had back-fired. The engine was used for pumping water from the village's well. The back-fire caused a large explosion, which destroyed the engine and the pump. The village is a small, old-fashioned village, and the explosion was a great shock to the community. The engine was a new one, and it was supposed to be safe. The explosion was caused by a fault in the engine's design. The village is a small, old-fashioned village, and the explosion was a great shock to the community. The engine was a new one, and it was supposed to be safe. The explosion was caused by a fault in the engine's design.

MOTOR INDUSTRY TALKS AT WHITE HOUSE

ROOSEVELT MAY AVERT DRASTIC ACTION

THOUGHT TO HAVE UNDISCLOSED PLAN

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt leant back in his chair and let the motor manufacturers do the talking when, accompanied by the National Recovery Administrator, General Hugh Johnson, they presented their case late yesterday afternoon.

The only hint of the President's attitude was given at the press conference, when a somewhat cryptic statement was made that "the only rule prevailing was, that when people in dire want lacked food, the Government was going to try to keep them from starving."

President Roosevelt to-day meets the representatives of 13 separate motor unions and then, having heard both sides, will exert his personal influence.

If that fails, drastic powers under the National Recovery Act remain. It is generally felt, however, that an undisclosed proposal which Roosevelt has up his sleeve, will avert more drastic action.

THE FELLING OF THE NATHAN ROAD TREES

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General of Police after consultation with the Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department, on the ground that they form an obstruction to traffic.

Question—Is it not true that shortly before the trees were felled quite a number of those with damaged or decaying trunks were treated at some expenditure of public money in a manner to arrest destruction through natural causes? And if true, what is the explanation for the sudden change of policy leading to the destruction of perfectly sound trees by means of human agency?

Answer—The treatment of damaged roadside trees is a routine matter usually attended to in February before the spring rains begin. When the trees in Nathan Road were treated the recommendations of the Inspector General of Police had not been received.

Question—It is the intention of Government to cut down any more, and if so, how many, of the trees that once formed such a picturesque avenue in Nathan Road?

Answer—It is the intention of Government as at present advised to remove certain other trees, in particular those in the neighbourhood of bus stops and those at the corners of side streets.

Question—Was any reference made to the Kowloon Residents' Association, or to the Hong Kong Automobile Association before the decision was taken and put into effect for the removal of the trees in question?

Answer—The answer is in the negative.

Question—Will the Government consider the advisability of restoring, partially if not totally, the avenue that excited so much admiration, by commencing a programme of sapling planting in places where planting will not constitute a danger to wheeled traffic?

Answer—Only such trees as are considered to constitute a definite obstruction to traffic are being removed. It is not therefore considered advisable to replace them.

Question—In future, in any matter affecting the amenities of the Peninsula, will the Government be good enough to ascertain, in the first place, the views of responsible bodies or organisations in Kowloon before carrying out decisions concerning which Kowloon residents may advantageously be consulted?

Answer—The Government are at all times prepared to give full consideration to views expressed by representative bodies, but cannot see their way to give the specific undertaking asked for.

ROOSEVELT EMBASSY IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Mr. Washburn, Child, Special Envoy of President Roosevelt who has come to Europe to study economic conditions, will see Sir John Simon at the Foreign Office to-day. British Wireless Service.

Meanwhile, the President of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. William H. Green, has urged the Automobile labour unions to narrow down their demands to the creation of a neutral review board to adjudicate the charges of discrimination against automobile union members, and the immediate selection of employees and representatives for collective bargaining.

RAILWAY DISPUTE

The railwaymen have rejected President's wage recommendation but have accepted his offer of the railroad co-ordinator, Mr. Eastman, to arbitrate the dispute. —Reuter.

SOLUTION TO THE MOTOR DISPUTE.

Government Leaders Hopeful.

MEETING TO-DAY.

Washington, To-day.

The motor industry conference at the White House yesterday broke up without any announcement beyond the statement that the manufacturers canvassed the situation from the employers' side and that President Roosevelt sought information on many points.

There will be a similar meeting this afternoon at which the representatives of labour will be present.

Government leaders state that they are hopeful of obtaining a solution to the dispute.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

Latvian Delegation Return To-morrow.

London, To-day.

The Latvian Trade Delegation, now negotiating a new trade agreement with Great Britain, will return to London to-morrow to resume discussions, and it is hoped to conclude an agreement.

Trade discussions with Estonia are still proceeding in London, and negotiations with Poland for the same object are expected to open in London about the middle of April. Negotiations are also in progress with Lithuania, whose delegation has now returned home to consult its Government.

The anticipated trade negotiation with Uruguay will open next month.—British Wireless Service.

DEATH ROLL IN LOCAL GALE REACHES TEN

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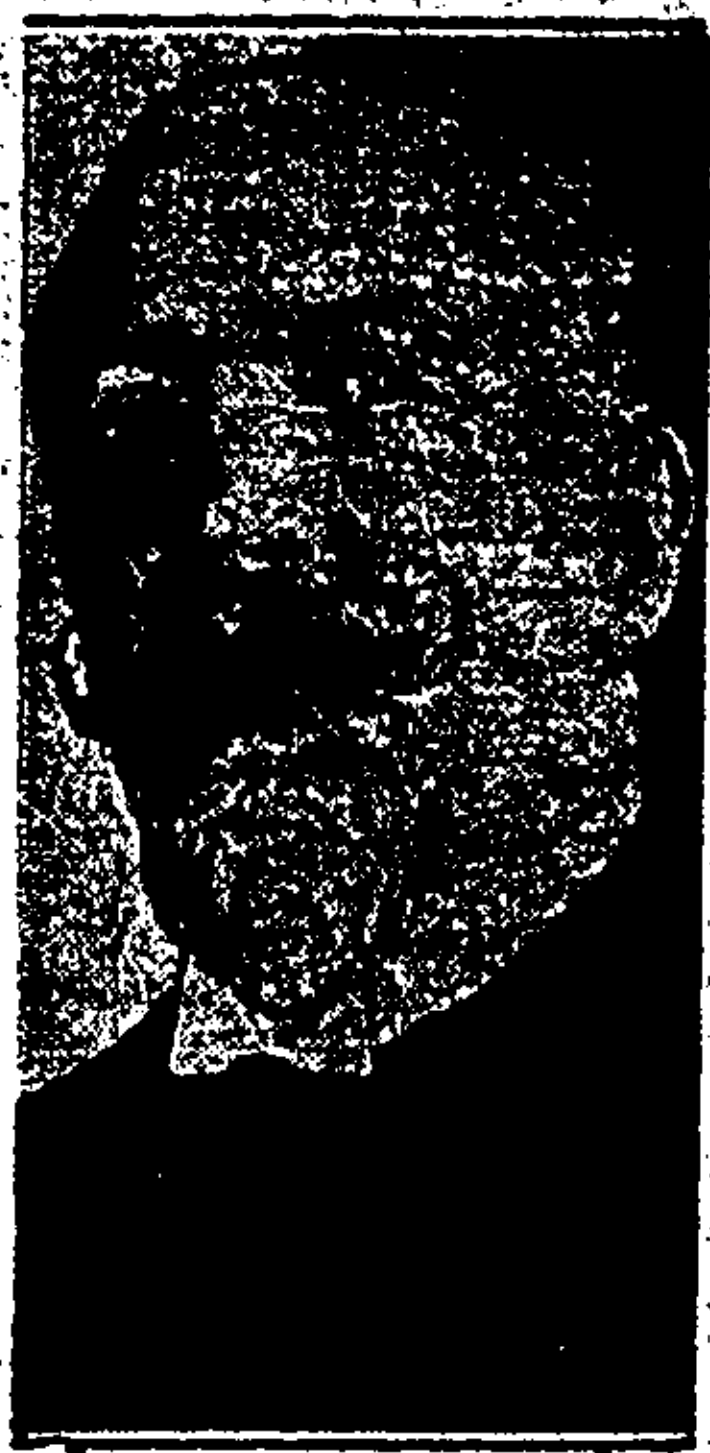
TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

Chan Yai-yut, master of a fishing junk reported yesterday that his boat was caught in the squall off Plover Island and capsized. All the crew with the exception of Chan Kim, aged 7, and Chan Kam, aged 4, were rescued.

Chan Yung, a fisherman on board another junk was picked up with three others off Wai Tin Island by the Empress of Russia and brought to Hong Kong. Chan Kam was taken to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from cold and exposure.

Six persons, including four children lost their lives when a fishing boat capsized off Tai Tan on yesterday and only the master and one of the crew were saved.

King of France?



The presence of many prominent royalists in the vanguard of Paris rioters, observers stated, indicated that the recent crisis might possibly develop into an attempt to overthrow the Republic and restore the Monarchy in the person of the Duke de Guise (above), pretender to the French throne.

GENERAL HUANG DUE TO-DAY.

Aviation Survey Tour Commenced.

General Huang Kwang-yui, Commandant of the Canton Air Force, accompanied by three others, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong this afternoon from Canton. He is to visit America and Europe on an aviation study tour.

General Huang's present tour is under the auspicious of the Canton Provincial Government. It is reported that he and his fellow officers will give special attention to the study of military aviation and the manufacture of aeroplanes. He will leave Hong Kong by the s.s. President Coolidge on Saturday.

MR. SOONG FOR NANKING

Mr. T. V. Soong, former Minister of Finance in the Nanking Government, who is at present in Shanghai, is expected to leave for Nanking either to-day or to-morrow for the Economic Conference.

Personal Pars.

Comm. A. Bianconi, Italian Consul-General in South China, was among the passengers on the Empress of Britain which left yesterday.

Among the passengers on the R.M.S. Empress of Russia which arrived from Manila yesterday were Colonel and Mrs. F. R. T. Gascoine.

The Legislative Council meets this afternoon at 2.30 p.m., when questions regarding the felling of trees in Nathan Road will be asked. In addition four motions will be put before the meeting.

Mr. R. H. Wild, Manager of the South British Insurance Company, Ltd., and a well-known lawn tennis player, returned to the Colony yesterday from Manila by the Empress of Russia from Manila.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Alfred Nichols, electrical engineer, residing at staff quarters of the China Light and Power Company, at Tai Wan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Daphne Amy Sarah Hamblin, stenographer, of Phillips House, Kowloon.

TEXTILE DEBATE

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He told the House that people nowadays called any successful competition unfair. The Under-Secretary for Overseas Trade, Lt. Colonel D. J. Colville, replying for the Government, alluded to the Japanese Government's bluster about unfair trade and competition.

TRADE MARK COMPLAINTS.—He had not seen the text and did not know whether it would be a fair copy. He indicated that the Japanese Government were moving in the first direction regarding the complaint.

9-day's Short Story

The Statue And The Bust

By P. C.
Wren.

IN the ranks of the Foreign Legion are to be found representatives and exponents of almost every trade, profession, calling vocation, science and art known to man.

It was the boast of the Colonel of one battalion that not only could his men build and decorate a church, but could provide the priest to officiate therein, not to mention the organist and a magnificent choir of male voices.

On one occasion, in a garrison town and in piping times of peace—in other words, while the battalion was withdrawn from campaigning for a much-needed breathing-space, rest and recuperation—the Colonel (Major or Chef de Battalion, really) decided to throw a party.

It was to be a really big affair and handsomely done, *ad majorem legionis gloriam*, to give pleasure and satisfaction to the General; still more pleasure and satisfaction to the lady whom the Colonel delighted to honour and hoped to marry, and to reduced to his own credit and to further his advancement.

There was to be a kind of garden-party on a scale of unprecedented magnificence; an *al fresco* dinner in a great marquee; and the *piece de resistance*, a splendid theatrical show, concert, variety entertainment, and stage play, provided entirely by the men of his battalion.

And this entertainment was to be given in a theatre especially built for the occasion.

When one says built for the occasion, one means, literally, for the occasion. A wonderful mushroom growth which should arise from the sands on which the camp was pitched almost overnight as does a great circus-tent.

And swift as it arose, even more swiftly should it depart. The Colonel, like the magician of the Arabian Nights, should wave his wand, his genii of the Legion should appear, set to work and the magic palace (of varieties) should materialise; and with another wave of his wand next day should disappear.

First of all, the Colonel talked the matter over with his second-in-command and the Adjutant Major. Then, at meat that night, he enlarged upon the subject, giving his imagination full rein and his ideas full play.

RIVER GUNBOAT IN SECTIONS

(Continued from Page 1)

WATER SHORTAGE

Misfortune has visited the Kuznetsov since she struck the reef. There is now a serious shortage of water, no fresh water being available on Plover. On Friday, her Master had a paralytic stroke. To add further to their discomfort, yesterday's gale gave the ship's company much anxiety. It is not known yet whether the heavy seas have caused her much damage.

Misfortune also followed the third vessel, which stood by and then left for Vladivostok for special salvage gear.

The captain, a salvage expert, is reported to have died at sea on his way for aid.

A Russian lady and gentleman, who were travelling on the Kamari to Shanghai returned to Hong Kong with the Henry Kawick, where they were met on their arrival by the Hong Kong police.

It was subsequently found that their papers were in order, and both are leaving on the s.s. Empress of Russia, for Shanghai, to-morrow.

Mr. Tan Cheng, vice-chairman of the Judicial Yuan, is to leave for Europe and America next month to investigate judicial procedure in those countries.

plaints in connection with the infringement of trade marks.

Regarding the breakdown in the textile negotiations, he said that the Government did not intend to stand with folded arms and allow matters to take a course detrimental to British interests, but it would not be easy to make a person understand the two Governments were reviewing the grave question.

As he aired his notions new ones occurred to him, and the scheme grew and grew, going from strength to strength, until to some of his hearers at least it seemed altogether too strong.

However, for the Colonel to command was for the battalion to obey. The right men were sought out, the right materials sought for, difficulties overcome, objections silenced.

Sure enough, men were found for the work; carpenters in plenty (and it was they who were in most demand for the construction of the temporary theatre), decorators, architects, draughtsmen, bandmen, actors, singers, soloist musicians, acrobats, a juggler, a raconteur (his repertoire heavily censored), a musical clown, a comic singer—in short, everything that the most exacting theatre proprietor, impresario, stage manager and audience—could desire. And all done by the battalion.

With the way things went the Colonel was pleased. And, what is more, he actually said so.

Inspecting the theatre a day or two before his grand *tamasha*, he observed, with pardonable pride, to his friend, a Colonel of Spahis who accompanied him:

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Conversation," by Phyllis Bentley.

"Well, mon ami, what do you think of that? That's one of the things even the Spahis couldn't do, eh? Build and equip a theatre, even if they could provide the talent to perform in it."

The Spahi Colonel smilingly admitted that, although he'd never tried, he didn't really suppose he could find quite such a heterogeneous galaxy of talent in the ranks of his regiment, adding, somewhat unnecessarily:

"But, of course, we are only cavalry soldiers!," with a slight accent on the "soldiers."

And as they stood in the foyer, taking a last glance round—for positively the theatre had a foyer, off which opened cloak rooms wherein both the lady and gentlemen guests might leave impediments—the Spahi Colonel remarked:

"Marvellous! Truly marvellous!... Positively the only improvement I can think of, to make it absolutely the real thing, is the usual statue holding a lamp... Just there, at the entrance to the auditorium."

The Colonel laughed. "It shall be done, mon ami," said he. "You are quite right. It wants a noble statue, just there. It shall be done."

Really the Colonel was going it, running past himself altogether, surely. Even supposing that there were in the ranks of his battalion a sculptor, how on earth could he be expected to produce a statue in so brief a time?

And although he boasted that he had a representative of every trade on earth, it was hardly likely that he would happen to have a genuine sculptor; and, if he had, how on earth was the man to produce even the materials and tools for making the statue in so short a time?

And, falling that, where on earth was he to find a statue? There certainly wasn't one in Marseilles. Why, there wasn't such a thing for hundreds of miles. Probably the nearest was in some hotel or theatre in Algiers, or perhaps Tangier.

The Spahi Colonel smiled. His cher *colonne* was surely talking through his hat this time.

And so the Colonel himself began to think in his calmer moments and the privacy of his tent. It had been a very foolish boast to make. A silly thing to say. However, he had said there should be a statue, and a statue there should be.

How! He didn't know, and he didn't care. He merely announced at that night. "Gentlemen, I congratulate you all. I congratulate the battalion, in the person of its officers. The theatre is really wonderful!"

And then, as all turned, as one upon the Colonel.

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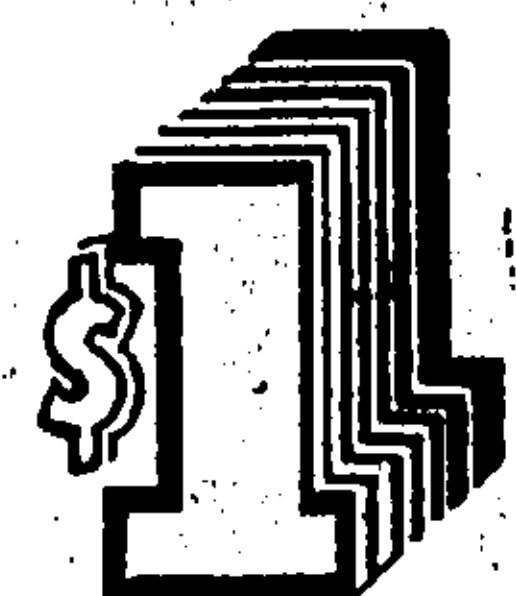
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½ teaspoon mustard
½ cup cucumber relish
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Tuna Fish Canape
2 can tuna fish
2 teaspoons mustard
Rounds or squares of bread
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
½ teaspoon salt
Cucumber relish
Mash drained fish very fine and add mustard, salt and mayonnaise. Toast bread on one side only and spread untoasted side with the fish mixture. Garnish with a narrow border of relish. Chill and serve.

Cheese And Olive Canape
Finger lengths of bread
½ package cream cheese
1½ ounce package Roquefort cheese
Stuffed Spanish olives
Toast bread on one side only and spread with blended Roquefort and cream cheese. Garnish with overlapping slices of olive.

Caviar Canape
Toast oblong shapes of bread on one side. Spread untoasted side with mayonnaise, then with caviar to which has been added an equal amount of sweet pickled onions, very finely minced. Garnish with slice of stuffed Spanish olives.

Dexter Canape
Rounds of bread
Hard cooked eggs
Mayonnaise
Slices of tomato
Stuffed Spanish olives
Toast rounds of bread on one side and spread untoasted side with mayonnaise. Add thin slices of tomato, then slices of hard

cooked egg. Sprinkle lightly with salt and garnish with a slice of two of olives.
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Cheese can be grated into the soup, grated over a vegetable, grated over toast, grated over a salad, or if pie is the dessert, served with it.

The following menu has been planned with regard to proper nutritive value and a tempting colour scheme. None of the dishes is difficult to prepare and the meal is very inexpensive.

Vegetable Plate Menu

Poached eggs with spinach on toast, potato marbles in parsley butter, creamed carrots, stuffed tomato salad, fresh fruit, drop cookies, milk, iced tea or coffee.

Cut bread in slices about one-half inch thick and toast on both sides. Butter one side, cover this side with a thick layer of well-seasoned finely chopped cooked spinach, making a depression in the centre. Place a poached egg in the depression, dot with butter and sprinkle with paprika.

Boiling and Baking
Cut potatoes in marble with a vegetable cutter. Parboil ten minutes in boiling salted water. Drain and dip in melted butter. Spread in dripping pan and bake in a hot oven until tender and delicately brown. Sprinkle with finely minced parsley.

Fill the tomatoes with a mixture of shredded cabbage, celery and green pepper made moist with mayonnaise and serve in a lettuce cup or a nest of shredded leaf lettuce.

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Mutton Pilaw, Turkish fashion.
Cut slices of fresh mutton, which season with salt, pepper, spices and mint. Make a broth with the bones and trimmings, strain it, wash a pound of good rice. Drain this through a sieve, and leave it to dry for one hour. Chop an onion, fry it in butter, add it to the rice, and fry all together for a few minutes, then moisten to three times its height with the broth, the fat of which should not be removed. Keep hot. Thread the pieces of mutton on little skewers, alternating each piece with a piece of bacon or ham, and grill them lightly for eight minutes. Dish the pilaw and arrange the skewers on the rice.

Kebab, Turkish style. Cut up a piece of mutton or beef into thick slices, season with salt and pepper, then cut a small square through the middle of each slice, of about an inch or so. This is so that the skewers can be pushed through. Then season the

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Tripe and Onions
Snow Potatoes
Venison Cutlets
Macedoine of Vegetables
Black Currant Jelly
Vermicelli Pudding
DINNER
Purée of Tomato
Cheese Souffle
Roast Hare
Liver Stuffing
Red Currant Jelly
Boiled Cauliflower
Graham Pudding
Venison Cutlets

1½ to 2 lb. venison, 1 gill of macedoine of vegetable or ½ lb. boiled chestnuts, 3 oz. of larding bacon, 1 carrot, 1 onion, 1 bunch herbs, 1 turnip, 1 gill gravy, mashed potatoes. Piquant sauce: Choose a nice fresh piece of venison from the leg and cut it into 6 or 7 neat round cutlets. Lard with bacon. Peel and slice the onion, wash, peel and scrape the carrot, and turnip, put them in a pan with the herbs and place the cubes of venison on the top. Pour the gravy round, cover and cook in a moderate oven or over low heat until the venison is tender, about 20 to 30 minutes. When cooked, arrange them in a circle on a bed of mashed potatoes on a hot dish. Pour round a little piquant sauce and fill the centre with a macedoine of vegetables or cooked chestnuts.

Vermicelli Pudding
1 pint of milk, 2 oz. of vermicelli, 3 eggs, 1 oz. of butter, 2 oz. of sugar, the grated rind of half a lemon. Put the milk on to boil and when boiling drop into it very gradually the vermicelli, first breaking it into pieces. Stir the milk while doing this and let it boil for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Then add the butter and sugar, and turn the mixture into a basin. Stir occasionally and when cool add the eggs, well-beaten, with the grated rind of ½ a lemon. Pour the mixture into a buttered dish and bake for about 35 minutes or until set in a moderate oven.

Purée of Tomato
3 cups cooked tomatoes, one salt-spoon soda, 2 cups milk, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons flour. Rub tomatoes through a sieve, add the soda to prevent the acid of the tomatoes curdling the milk. Scald the milk, melt the butter, add flour and pour on gradually the scalding milk, cook thoroughly stirring well. Blend tomatoes and milk mixture, reheat and serve with fried croutons.

Cheese Souffle
3 tablespoons butter, 3 tablespoons flour, ½ cup boiled milk, ½ teaspoon salt, a pinch of cayenne, ¼ cup grated cheese, yolks of 3 eggs and whites of 3 eggs. Melt butter, add flour, and when well mixed add gradually boiled milk. Then add salt, cayenne and cheese. Remove from stove,

the laws of the Prophet), and a piece of bay leaf. Squeeze all the pieces together one against the other. Brush them over with butter. Roast ten afterwards in front of the fire—small skewers will hang quite well in a Dutch oven or game oven—or grill them, under the gas or electric grill.

When cooked, sprinkle with salt and serve on the skewers. Good aluminium ones can be bought for this purpose, and the ring at the end is convenient to hold the fork whilst removing the pieces of meat from the skewers.

If served with quinces, peel five or six ripe ones, core them (or if using peaches simply skin them as you would tomatoes by plunging in boiling water for a second or two). Stew the fruit in a light syrup, being careful to keep them whole. When done drain, reduce the syrup of the fruit, place the fruit on a dish, cover with the thick syrup, garnish with the "carmac" and ornament with flowers and green leaves.

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When eggs are boiled, the white of the egg often adheres to the shell, and when the egg is broken, the white is often found in the yolk. To remove this, break the egg into a bowl, and pour the white into a glass of water. The white will rise to the top, and can be removed with a spoon.

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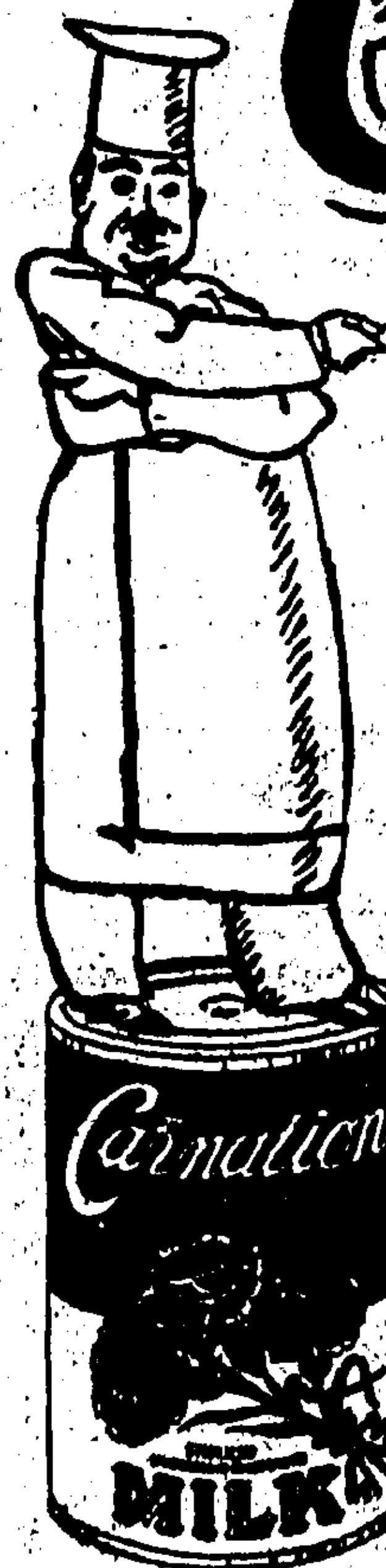
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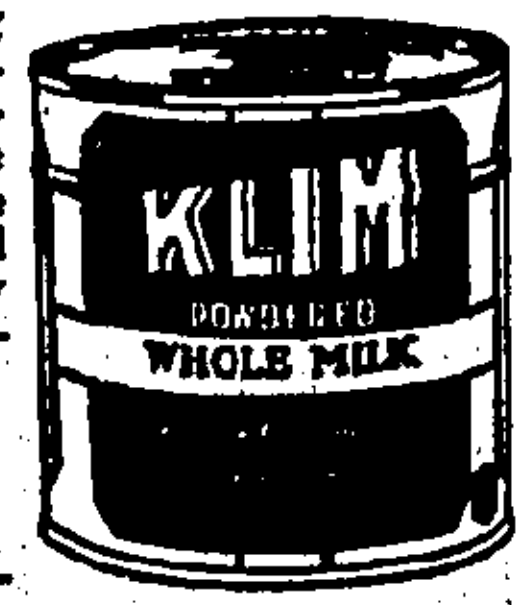
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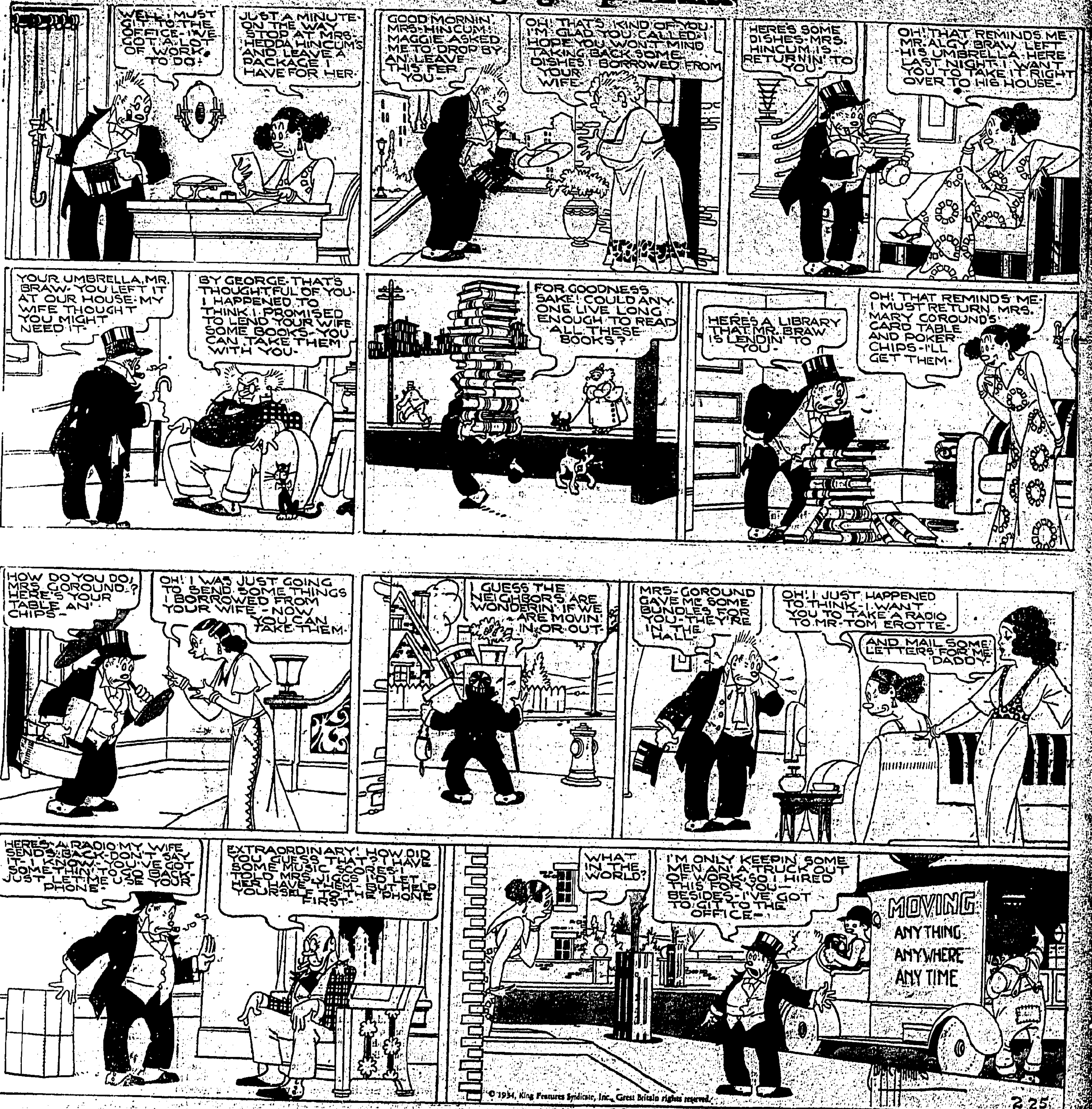
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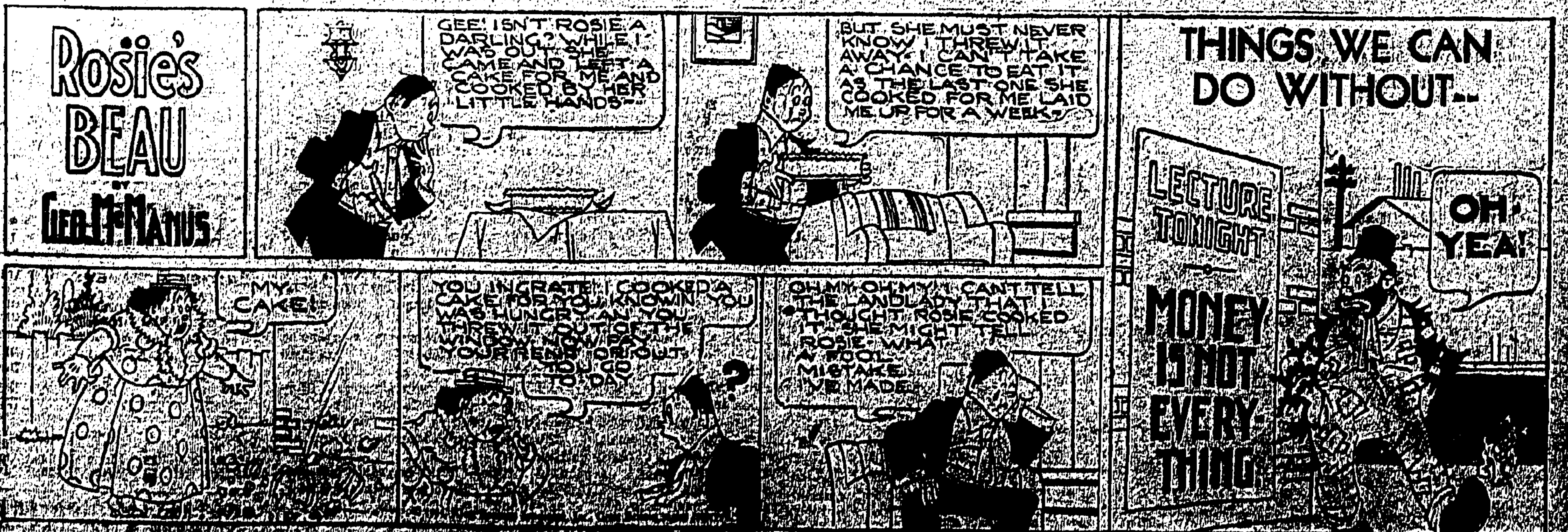
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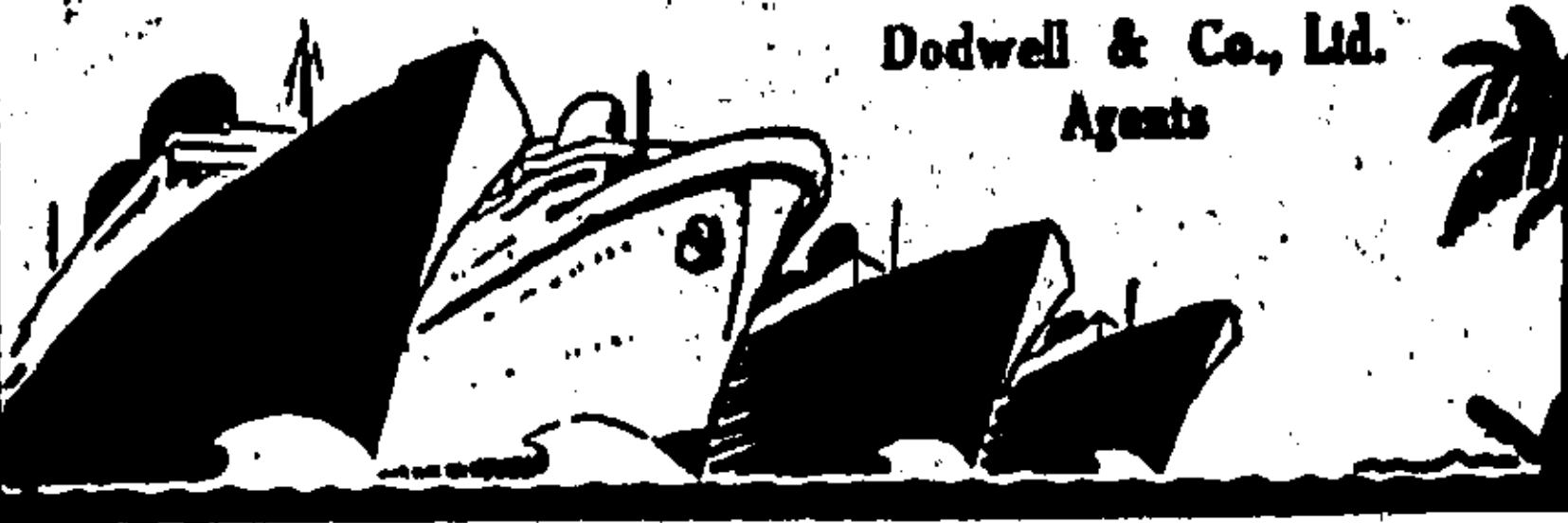
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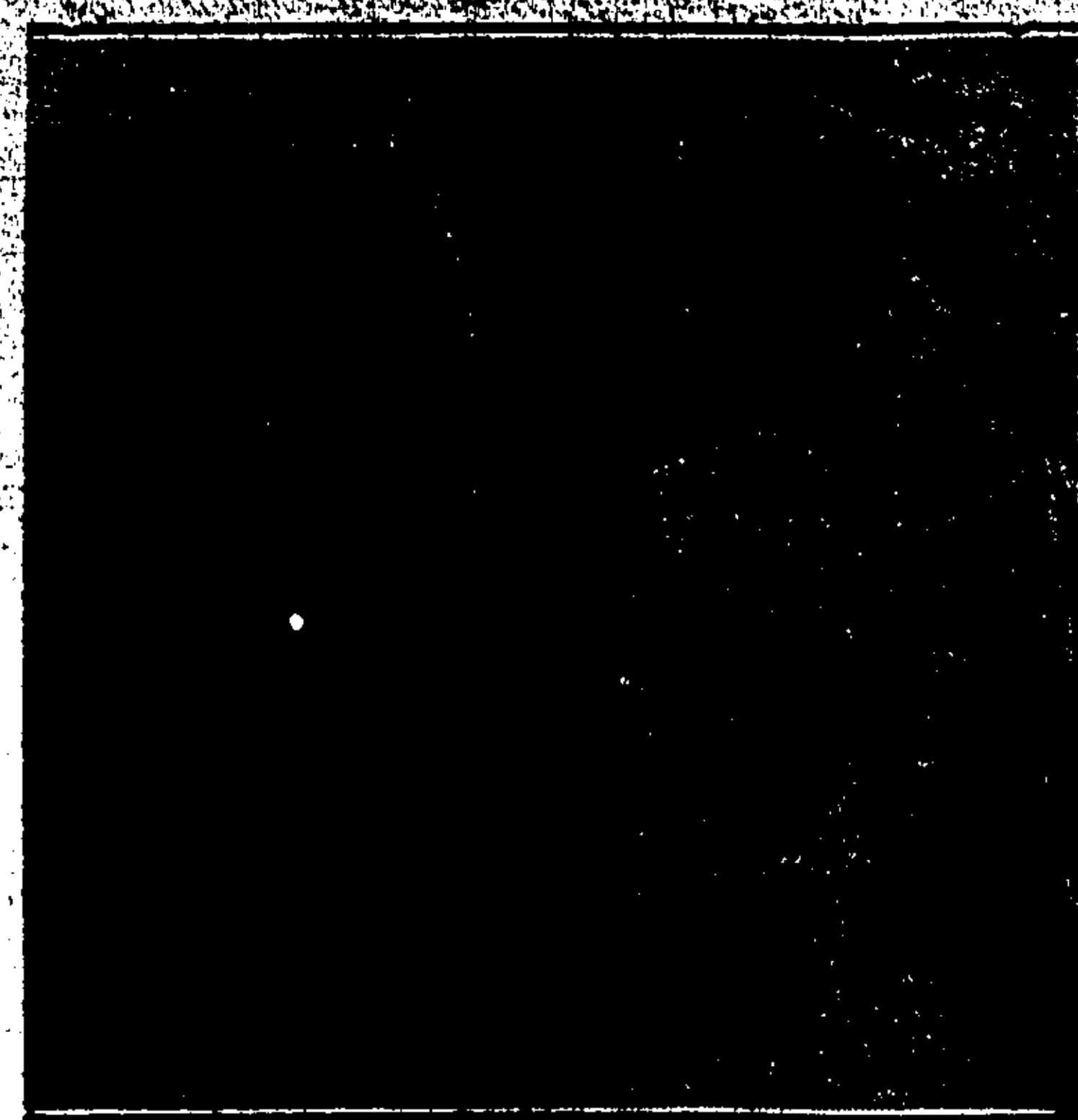
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Nothing so dry as politics or statesmanship was being discussed by President Carlos Menditea of Cuba (left) and Rear Admiral Charles S. Freeman, of the American Navy, when this picture was made, if the broad smiles, are anything to go by. The occasion was the visit of the Cuban President of U.S.S. Wyoming, the Admiral's flagship, in Havana harbour.

The Statue And The Bust

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"It lacks one thing. A statue in the foyer. I leave it to you. You will parade your men. You will find a sculptor; several sculptors if necessary. They will find a suitable block of stone and will all work upon it at once, night and day, if necessary. The best of them all will do the finishing touches. . . . *Finit coronat opus.* It is to be a statue of—er—Hercules, we'll say. . . . a magnificent figure of a man with noble muscles. . . . Please and delight the ladies. . . . the right arm to be raised and the hand to be pierced to hold a lamp. . . ."

"Yes, a statue of Hercules, by Saturday night. That's all. With every confidence I leave it to you." Quoting someone or other, the Colonel had once remarked to Lieutenant Forqueray that it was indeed a very good thing for a young man to be a pushing young man, but definitely a bad thing for a young man to be known as a pushing young man.

The Colonel knew the Lieutenant to be a very pushing young man and, while admiring his pushfulness, disliked his personality.

But it must be admitted that on this occasion he went up several steps in the Colonel's estimation when, requesting an interview, he announced that the Colonel might set his mind at rest on the question of the statue for the foyer of the theatre.

While other officers had shaken dubious heads, prophesied that the Colonel had for once promised more than he could perform, and wondered what on earth was to be done about it, Lieutenant Forqueray had set to work.

"You've actually got a statue, *mon enfant!*" asked the Colonel.

"Non, *mon Colonel*," replied Lieutenant Forqueray truthfully. "I've not yet got the statue—but you have as good as got it. You may rely upon me, and you may count upon it."

The Colonel eyed the young man appreciatively, kindly, indulgently, one might almost say admiringly.

"I shall not forget it, my boy," smiled the Colonel, and made a note to the effect that there were worse things than push in a young man who intends to make his way and to please his Colonel.

At luncheon that day the good news was announced.

"Now, how the devil has he managed it?" speculated the Second-in-Command. "Supposing he'd got wind of a statue of sorts from some dive or other, think of the cost and trouble of transport."

For there's certainly no such thing in Maraknez. "Hope the young fool hasn't sent a squad of his secondaries to raid public building somewhere," growled his neighbour. "Nice thing if he has hauled it off the faces of some *Holai de Vall* or *Palais de Justice*."

"Wonder if he's been to the excavations at Tipasa and got hold of a genuine Greek or Roman statue," mused Captain Couperin. "Sound idea, but I don't think it's likely. . . ."

Well, it's his funeral. Personally I shall believe it when I see it. But, *mon dieu*, he must produce a statue, since he's definitely informed the Colonel that he's going to do so. . . . I wonder if it is humanly possible to make one—that would pass muster in a dim light—of some sort of composition.

"A statuette, perhaps," replied his friend. "If they'd got a real live Latin Quarter sculptor. But where would they get the stuff for a life-sized statue, clay or composition—or whatever they use? As for carving one out of a block of marble, it is obviously impossible. . . . absolutely. I should think it would take weeks."

"Well, yes," speculated the other, "if you were going to do it for the Conservatoire des Arts, and all that; but we aren't expecting a Rodin statue of Carrara marble. A gang of them might knock up something out of sandstone, and a clever chap put the finishing touches. . . . Or some clever devil might do some impressionist thing in dry mud and whitewash. I don't know, I'm sure. Anyhow, I shouldn't care to be in Master Forqueray's shoes if he lets the Colonel down."

Lieutenant Forqueray was not a popular officer. On the contrary, although he had not been long with the company, he was already detested by the men under his command. Not once had he been known to take any personal interest in the health, comfort, and welfare of *les legionnaires*; to look into any case of punishment and find out whether right was on the side of the accused soldier; to spend a penny of his own money on wine for thirty *legionnaires*; or to take the trouble to learn the name, or remember the face and record, of any of the men under his command, except, perhaps, a few notorious offenders whom he himself perpetually punished, like *le McSnoort* and Spanish Maine.

And of all those who hated him, none did so more bitterly than the ex-gentleman known as Spanish Maine.

There were those who believed that the *legionnaire* and the officer had known each other, years before, in private life, and that there was some ancient and long-standing reason for the feelings of bitter contempt and savage hatred which the soldier entertained for his officer.

While other members of his *escouade* freely expressed their detestation of Lieutenant Forqueray, Spanish Maine found that words failed him. Deeds might not, however, and it was generally considered that should Lieutenant Forqueray, on active service, get between Spanish Maine and the enemy, his position would be doubly unwholesome.

"And yet," when the Lieutenant, parading his men, bade them "proprez stone-masons, a sculptor, and a statue, on pain of death, and deprivation of wine until the order has been obeyed," the Spanish Maine, while smiling and nodding, stepped into the French lines.

"After a minute's thought while the statue actually contemplated, the Frenchman, with a look of mingled

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only just. Lieutenant Forqueray eyed *le legionnaire* Maine with mingled delight and distrust, hope and fear, approval and suspicion. Certainly this was not the man from whom he would have expected help. No, he was almost the last man in the company who might have been expected to come forward and assist his officer in emergency.

Not only was he a *mouais* sujet, like his friend and enemy the strange *Escouade* whom they called *le McSnoort*, who was not a good mouais sujet—not a good Bad Man—at all. There was a veiled insolence about him and not too thinly veiled, either, that Lieutenant Forqueray did not like. He had too much of a way with him; too much of an air, altogether—in the presence of an officer. All very well for a *legionnaire* to swagger—very right and proper—and all very well for an ex-officer, ex-nobleman, or whatever he was, to retain some of his self-respect and put on a certain amount of style. But in the presence of a *legionnaire*—

And it is very difficult for an officer, very anxious to be known as a disciplinarian and a strong man, to charge a soldier with having a gleam in his eye, a twist to his lip, a hint of a sneer on his face.

And yet here was the dangerous, clinical, undisciplined, and scornful who, seated next him, was not only a *legionnaire* but a *legionnaire* of the first rank.

After a minute's thought while the statue actually contemplated, the Frenchman, with a look of mingled

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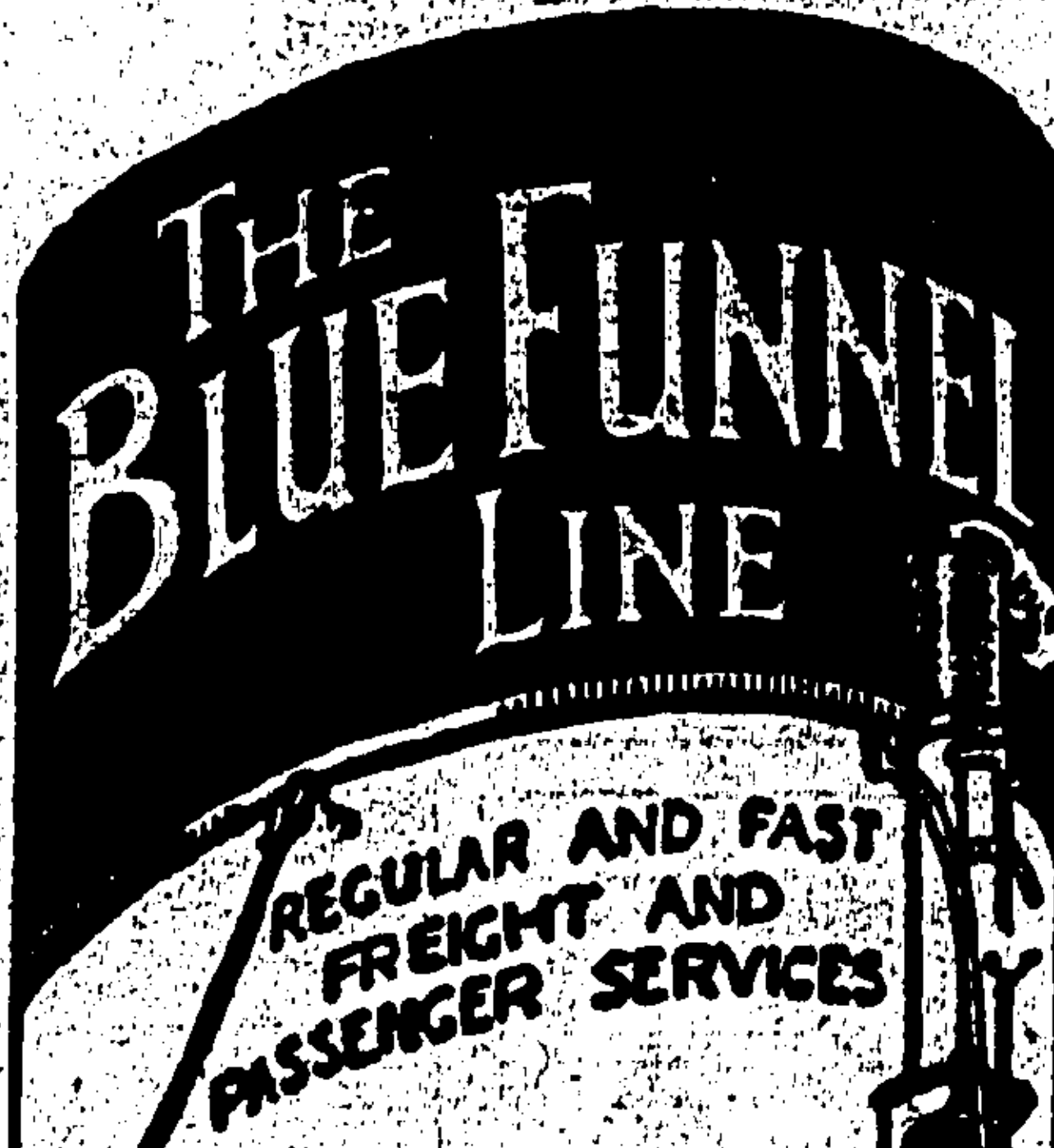
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The Statue And The Bust

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"Oho! And you can make a life-sized statue of a man? In time!"

"Oh, mon officier."

"What a genuine Hercules?"

"Say Apollo, mon officier."

"Say what you like—so long as you can have it ready by Saturday night. Can you?"

"Oh, mon officier. I can."

Or, rather, I could, if I were given certain help and facilities. And there were no interferences. And no questions.

"Anything you like, mon enfant. Any mortal thing in reason. What do you want?"

"A hundred francs; three men to help me; a covered cart to take the statue to the theatre; and a tent to ourselves. We should have to be excused all duties until Sunday."

"H'm! A hundred francs! What for?"

"Materials, tools. . . Expert assistance. . ."

"Very well. Given the money and the other facilities, you can guarantee the statue?"

"Oh, mon officier."

"You know what'll happen if you get a hundred francs and I don't get the statue?"

Spanish Maine smiled.

"Where are you going to get the block of stone?"

"That'll be our secret, mon officier."

"And how soon can I see something? . . . Some proof that the statue is—what shall we say?—come to life?"

"Not at all, mon officier; un'il it is in place in the foyer of the theatre."

"Aha! That's curious. Looks to me as though you are going to steal one, ready-made; and that's what you want the covered cart for, eh? And the tent to hide it in?"

"The statue will be there in place when the Colonel's guests enter the theatre, mon officier—provided I am given what I need, no questions are asked, and there is no interference. . . Otherwise, I can promise nothing. In fact, I must withdraw the offer."

"But look here, man. How can I absolutely assure the Colonel that the statue will be there? . . . If I give him my word that I am going to produce the thing by the night and I don't do it . . . well."

"Have no fear, mon Lieutenant; if you agree to my terms, a perfect statue of Apollo will be in the required place at the proper time."

Lieutenant Forqueray gazed long and hard into the eyes of Spanish Maine.

"So be it," said he. "Everything you ask. . . And God help you if you fail me."

And thus it had come about that Lieutenant Forqueray, self-confident optimist, incorrigible gambler, ambitious, and pushing young man, took a chance and definitely promised to produce the statue the colonel had undertaken to produce.

Of course it would be all right. Spanish Maine and his accomplices could be relied upon to make, beg, borrow, or steal (particularly steal) anything.

Nor would Spanish Maine have dared to make the promise had he not seen his way to fulfilling it. They must know of a statue that they could get, or must know of some way of making one. Probably it would be a case of theft, since no questions were to be asked, there was to be secrecy and concealment, and the thing was not to be on view until the moment when it was required.

Perhaps not a case of theft so much as of sudden borrowing and quick return.

Anyhow, the less one knew about it the better; and those who asked no questions would be told no lies. Of course it would be all right.

On the afternoon of the great day the Colonel made a tour of inspection of the theatre. A really wonderful piece of work reflecting the very highest credit upon the architects, designers, masons, carpenters, decorators, electricians, upholsterers, painters and scenery artists of the battalion.

The Colonel could find no fault; and, although the promised statue was not yet in position, its wooden plinth was there, heavily painted to resemble marble.

Even the same Apollo was being set on it, and the day after tomorrow, for the statue, as promised, was to be there.

There will be no hitch. Forqueray? asked the Colonel anxiously.

"None whatever, sir," replied the lieutenant. "The statue is already in camp, and will be in position here in time for the lamp to be fixed to the raised hand."

"Hand being pierced or adapted, I suppose?" said the Colonel.

"Yes, sir," replied the lieutenant, whose information was indeed to that effect. "I am informed by a legionnaire who has been helping that it is a magnificent piece of sculpture, exactly life-size, absolutely life-like, and in every way just what you want."

"Might have been designed for the purpose."

"You haven't seen it yourself?"

"No, sir. My rascals don't want anyone to see to until it is absolutely ready and in position."

"Of course, the time has been very short indeed, and it is not quite ready yet; and one can understand their not wishing anyone to see it until it is . . ."

"Quite! Quite!" agreed the Colonel. "Want to spring it on us in all its glory—complete, eh?"

"Yes, sir. I thought it best to humour them. I guarantee they'll have it here to time all right."

"Well, I'm relying on you, mon enfant," said the Colonel once again, smiling indulgently.

The garden party was a great success. The dinner, if possible, an even greater one; so much so that it was almost with reluctance that the Colonel's guests at length rose from table to attend the theatrical show in the Palace of Varieties.

As with the General on his left hand and the lady of his choice upon his right, the Colonel entered the foyer, followed by the large gathering of guests, he felt that this was one of the great moments of his life. The little cries of admiration from the ladies, the encomiums, the words of warm praise from the General and his staff were music in the Colonel's ears.

It was, indeed, as they said, wonderful; and the rosy glow of the shaded lights it looked so real, so permanent. It was almost unbelievable that a wave of his hand it had arisen almost overnight. . . Yes, at a wave of his hand. . . And some day he'd wave a Marshal's baton, and not only a battalion but great armies would move at his bidding.

Yes, and there was the statue, exactly as Forqueray had promised. Excellent young Forqueray! A pushful young man, and known as a pushful young man, but he had certainly pushed to some purpose on this occasion.

A magnificent statue. A veritable Apollo, indeed; white and gleaming, holding a lamp.

Splendid. Might have come straight from Athens; from the Naples Museum; from the Ecole des Beaux Arts—any old where. Might be the work of Praxiteles, Pheidias, Myron—any old body. . . (Seen after dinner and a bottle or so of most excellent wine, anyhow).

Look at the muscles. . . and the face. Somehow much more real-looking, human-looking, than most of those old statues.

The eyes. . . "What a beautiful statue, Colonel!" said the lady. "I really do think that it is the crowning touch. A marble statue here, in the heart of Maroc. . . Wherever did you get it?"

"Get it?" smiled the Colonel, patting the hand that lay upon his sleeve. "Did you say 'get it'?"

We produced it, my dear lady, as we produced all the rest of the theatre. Our own sculptors!"

"Heavens above!" wondered the lady. "Is there anything the Legion cannot do? One would say that statue was the work of a Great Master, and a couple of thousand years old. It might almost be alive."

Heavy curtains leading into the auditorium were rung aside, and a strong cool draught blew through the entrance into the foyer.

Definitely cool.

"Positively alive," murmured the General.

"Altogether!" agreed Apollo.

"Autumn!" said the Brigade-major beside him. "What the Americans call the Fall," as a leaf fell—

"Quite positively alive," exclaimed the lady as Apollo leaped from the plinth and ran for his life.

"Running like the wind!" murmured Spanish Maine.

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FORCEFUL HAND OF LORD FISHER

(Continued from Page 8.)

red ink thinks he is going to run the submarine service, he is mistaken; I shall go to the Cabinet."

Mr. Churchill always wrote all his minutes in red ink, so Lord Fisher wrote his in green.

To the other he said: "Why can't that fellow Keyes go to sea and fight like Tyrrwhitt?" It was meant for my ears, and meant to hurt. As a matter of fact, as I have mentioned, I had a written order forbidding me to go to sea in a destroyer, and they would not give me a cruiser; it is true I had had to ignore the order two or three times, but it was definitely enough.

Big Stir At The Admiralty

From that moment it was a dead letter to me. I felt free, and took the earliest opportunity of getting a breath of fresh air in the Heligoland Bight. The open sea was so refreshing, inspiring and comforting after the depressing atmosphere of the Admiralty, in which it seemed only possible to see the dangers and difficulties of any undertaking, instead of the goal beyond them.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the extent of the stir which Lord Fisher's re-entry into the naval administration caused in the Admiralty and throughout the Service. His retirement four years earlier had been hailed with a sigh of relief by the Navy generally, but I could not help feeling that now we were engaged in a bloody, ruthless war his masterful personality and the unbounded energy he would devote to the production of material, linked with the vision, determination and enterprise of Winston Churchill—who was entirely responsible for recalling him—might well be of infinite value in the conduct of the war.

On about the seventh day of the contest over my future, the following letter from Lord Fisher was sent down to me by hand:

"Dear Keyes—Yesterday I arranged for the progress of the newly ordered 20 submarines, and the First Lord concurred with me in putting S.S. Hall on the job—the First Lord has got some name for him—I can't remember it—and he will also look after the building of those now in progress, which will relieve Addison of that part of his present duties, and so S.S. Hall will take on Craven. I think this is all. But Graham Greene will circulate the orders.—Yours in haste, S.H.F."

"On no account imagine that I have any designs on you!—I feel I had any such designs you would certainly have been told. . . like many other things, I have not yet mastered on what basis our submarines harm the enemy more than themselves. . . But there is someone now who suffers as Chief of Staff (Rank Admiral R. Oliver) as I am quickly learning. Now, we shall be long!"

To this letter I replied:

"Dear Lord Fisher—Thank you for your letter, and for the assurance that you have no designs on me. . . I have no doubt that you will be a great help to me in my new position. . . I am, Sir, your obedient servant, S.H.F."

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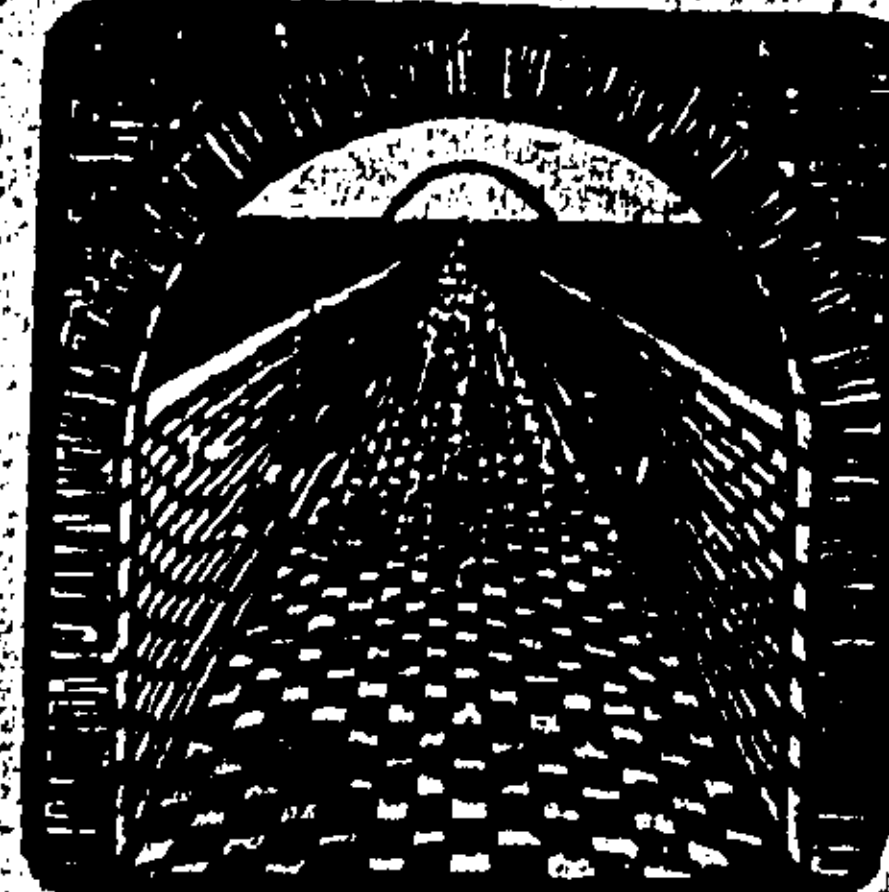
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